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Kenneth Dela Cruz, left, and Tony Satur, right, both trades helpers at the Department of Public Works' Roads and Grounds Division, trim the bushes by the road leading to Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. Government employees like Dela Cruz and Satur are bracing for a 16-hour reduction in their salaries per pay period in Fiscal Year 2011 as part of the Fitial administration's reduction-in-force in the face of steadily declining revenue.

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A Rota company has paid only almost \$14,000 instead of over \$45,000 to the Commonwealth Ports Authority a year

after the firm entered into a settlement agreement with CPA to pay \$343,313 in arrears related to two leases of property.

The Office of the Public Auditor is reviewing the March 2009 settlement

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Election Commission gets partial budget for election

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The Commonwealth Election Commission received Tuesday

a portion of its budget for this year's delegate election, amounting to \$35,000, while the balance of \$30,000 is expected to be sent to the agency after Oct. 1.

CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero said the partial budget is now being used to print 18,000 ballots and for the public education for the three legislative initiatives that will be placed on the ballot.

The Fitial administration had approved a \$65,000 budget for the Nov. 2. This is a significant drop from the agency's proposed budget of \$100,000.

CEC initially estimated spending \$30,000 for the ini-

tiatives' public education alone and from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to print the ballots.

"Due to the limited budget, we managed to cut our projected expenses for these two purposes," said Guerrero.

The remaining amount will be used to pay for the salaries of poll workers on Election Day. The agency plans to hire 200 poll workers, to be paid \$50 each.

Also included in the remaining budget is the logistics such as the charter flights for Rota and Tinian and radios for poll workers.

Guerrero said the commission would incur about \$5,000 for the charter flights alone and

excludes charter services to the Northern Islands.

As of Wednesday this week, the commission had already received about a hundred requests for absentee ballots from off-island voters.

Guerrero said the number is expected to grow since requests for absentee ballots are allowed 25 days before Election Day. Requests for absentee ballots will run from Aug. 19 to Oct. 8.

Guerrero expects about 2,000 absentee voters in this year's election based on last year's general poll. He em-

phasized that a request must be made in order for absentee ballots to be sent out.

He said the commission will start sending absentee ballots middle of next month.

There are four candidates in November: Republican Party's Juan N. Babauta; Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho; Democratic Party's Jesus Borja; and incumbent Gregorio Sablan.

Voters will also vote on three legislative initiatives and over 18,000 are expected to cast their votes in 13 polling stations on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

MHS vice principal Davis quits

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school year.

With his resignation, Cabrera was named acting principal.

Acting education commissioner Peter James Le'au confirmed Davis' resignation yesterday but declined to disclose any reason, saying the information was privy to the education commissioner.

Le'au confirmed, though, that Sablan has accepted the resignation and it will be formally processed by the Human Resource Office once she gets back.

Although Davis had stopped reporting for work this week, some employees still believe the resignation is not final yet and the vice principal may reconsider.

Some teachers said Davis sent an email to some of his colleagues informing them about his decision to quit.

MHS expects over 1,400 students this school year after the Saipan Southern High School capped its enrollment at 850 and the rezoning of some areas in San Antonio and Koblerville. MHS had over 1,200 students last school year.

One of the vice principals of the oldest school on island—Marianas High School—stepped down from his position last Friday for still unknown reasons.

Saipan Tribune learned that John Davis, vice principal for instruction, turned in his resignation to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, who is off-island this week.

A check with MHS officials yesterday confirmed his departure from service.

Vice principal Cherylyn Cabrera refused, however, to comment on the issue and referred this reporter to the PSS Human Resource Office.

MHS has three vice principals: Davis for instruction, Cabrera for discipline, and Christine Tudela for activities. Karen Borja, the school's principal, remains in the position and is expected to be back when the new school year starts on Sept. 7.

Davis is a former MHS teacher until his appointment as vice principal for instruction last

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National Republican chair to visit Saipan for Babauta fundraiser

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Republican National Committee chair Michael Steele will visit Saipan for the first time on Sept. 8 to publicly endorse the candidacy of former Gov. Juan N. Babauta as CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is the first time a chairman of the Republican National Committee will ever set foot on the CNMI.

Steele's visit comes as the party tries to rally voters behind Republican victory not only in the U.S. mainland but in U.S. territories as well such as Guam and the CNMI.

Babauta, when asked for comment yesterday, said Steele's visit to the CNMI "is important in a number of ways."

"He's rallying Republican victory in the states, to take over House leadership. The national committee is also serious in sending a Republican from the CNMI to Washington, D.C.," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

The delegate election in the CNMI is on Nov. 2.

Steele took the Republican National Committee chairmanship in January 2009 after a turbulent race against incumbent Mike Duncan. Steele is the first African-American to become the chair of the Republican National Committee. He is a former Maryland lieutenant governor.

Babauta met with Steele in Washington, D.C. in July, and that's when Babauta extended an invitation to Steele to come

to the CNMI.

"It's very nice of him to accept the invitation and come here to endorse me. It's something that has never happened in the CNMI. No Republican National Committee chair has ever visited the CNMI," he added.

Babauta's fundraiser will be held a day after his birthday on Sept. 7. He turns 57 that day.

"I wish for prosperity for the

CNMI," Babauta said when asked for his birthday wish.

Babauta's post-birthday fundraiser will be held on Sept. 8, at the Garapan Central Park. Program starts at 6pm.

The CNMI is just one of the stopovers for Steele when he travels from Washington, D.C. early next month. He will be visiting Hawaii before traveling to Guam, and then to the CNMI,

before going to Los Angeles.

Babauta is one of four candidates running for delegate to the House of Representatives,

along with former Lt. Gov. Jesse Borja and former House floor leader Joseph Camacho.

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Sablan, who is seeking re-election, also held a fundraiser last night with close to 500 individuals in attendance.



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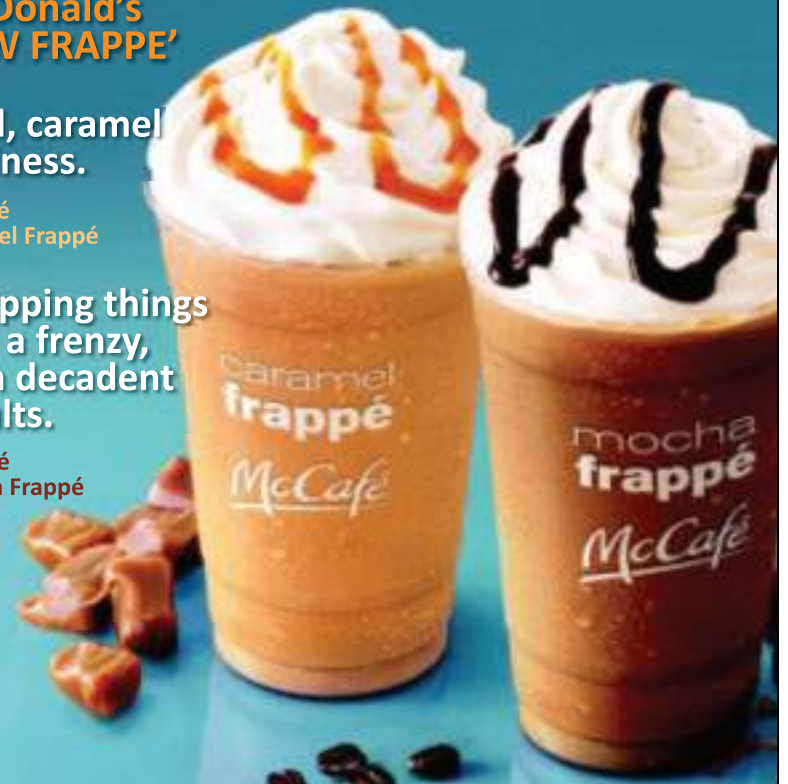
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Lack of staff hampers OPA audits, probes

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The Office of the Public Auditor has said that its staff shortage is negatively impacting its ability to conduct audits and investigations.

"Only a few audits were started and because of the length of time needed to complete audits in accordance with General Accepted Auditing Standards, these audits were ongoing at the end of the year," OPA said in its 2009 Annual Report posted yesterday on the agen-

cy's website.

OPA staff assisted in the audit of the CNMI's financial statements for FY 2009 ending Sept. 30, 2009.

That audit report was released in July, but OPA also cited in its annual report the finding that the CNMI government had an unreserved fund deficit of \$300.8 million as of the end of FY 2009.

"The deficit in the CNMI general fund is in large part the result of underfunding of employer retirement contributions and related penalties totaling

\$234.8 million as of September 30, 2009," the OPA annual report said.

The government's total liabilities exceeded total assets by \$164.2 million.

OPA said various laws and other austerity measures, including reduced hours, hiring freeze, stringent review of non-personnel expenditures and reduced budget allotments, were being implemented to reduce spending.

"Management believes that actions presently being taken to revise the CNMI's operating requirements provide the opportunity for the CNMI

to commence the process of reducing the general fund deficit position," OPA said.

In 2009, OPA also supervised and monitored the procurement and conduct of audit services for the single audits and financial and compliance audits of nine agencies, including the Public School System, the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

As of Dec. 31, 2009, the government has yet to recover \$6.3 million from en-

ties that improperly spent taxpayers' money.

OPA said its Investigations Unit actively participated in two separate joint task forces, one of which is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A joint task force between OPA and the Office of the Attorney General also received and investigated 45 complaints in 2009, of which 25 cases were referred for prosecution, resulting in criminal charges against 15 individuals.

LOWEST

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With a salary of \$6.27 an hour or \$13,000 a year as an account clerk 2 at the Department of Public Works for 10 years now, he said it will be harder to feed his family.

"It's like cutting my throat. It's already very difficult for me," he said in an interview while trimming bushes on the roadside leading to Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

Fejeran and his wife, who is also a government employee, are among the hundreds of government employees who will be receiving reduction-in-force notices from their department heads to effectuate a 16-hour cut every pay period.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the RIF notices will be issued between this week and Aug. 31.

The work hour cuts will take effect 30 days from receipt of the RIF notices, just in time for the start of fiscal year 2011 on Oct. 1.

Only \$132 million is available for government operations in FY 2011, while current spending is way over \$150 million. Unless work hours are cut and other cost-cutting measures are implemented, the government will be in for more serious financial problems.

What the 16-hour cut means for Fejeran, who lives in Kagman, is \$100.32 less in his paycheck every two weeks—from the current \$501.60 to \$401.28.

"I may have to apply for food stamp, and return my car. I pay \$250 a month for that car and I still have four years to go to finish it," he said.

But Fejeran's \$13,000 annual salary based on 80 work hours per pay period is not even the lowest government salary there is.

George Cruz, 42, earns only \$9,600 a year or \$4.62 an hour as a trades helper at DPW.

"I don't have a choice if they cut my salary. I can only accept it. But I think it's better than being laid off," said Cruz, who has been with DPW for five years and 11 months.

The 16-hour work cut means a \$73.92 reduction in his bi-weekly pay of \$369.60, leaving him with only \$295.68 every two weeks. He lives with his sister in As Matuis.

Fejeran and Cruz, both civil service employees, are still hoping that the government will be able to postpone the work hour cuts.

But the Fitial administration said the chances of that happening are nil.

On Capital Hill, some of the lowest paid employees are also bracing for the 16-hour cuts. But they also said they'd rather have pay cuts than lose their jobs altogether.

"If I lose my job, I don't think I will be able to find a job in the private sector," one of them said.

House minority leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) said those who will be affected the most are the government's lowest paid salaries.

"A lot of these employees are already living from paycheck to paycheck. It will be hard to imagine how they are going to make ends meet if their work hours are cut," Benavente said.

Demapan said the Fitial administration has been consistent in its message that the CNMI is experiencing very

challenging times in terms of its financial resources.

"We have spent almost the entire fiscal year seeking forms of relief through the implementation of austerity measures. While it is very much unfortunate that we have reached this point, we seek the understanding of all public sector employees," he said yesterday.

The Fitial administration's 16-hour cut will be implemented across the board in the Executive Branch.

This is an expansion of the 10-hour cut per pay period implemented in April that affected only a little over 300 contract or excepted service employees in the Executive Branch.

The Legislature and the Judiciary are not affected by the expanded reduction in force, although the Executive Branch seeks their cooperation.

"We must now share the same plight being experienced by our people who are employed with the private sector and thousands of others across the nation. We are taking this step in an effort to quantify the results in terms of the government's deficit reduction efforts before we are forced to the final resort of reduction-in-force by attrition. In moving ahead, the administration would rather keep government employees employed at a reduced rate before taking more severe steps that would lead to loss of jobs," the press secretary said.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said the Legislature can still function on a four-day workweek should the RIF takes effect, while Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) is hoping that the pay cut will not be as drastic as the administration is proposing it to be.

to provide the legal basis for obtaining this data in a timely fashion so that it can be used by our BMS [Border Management System] organization to support our local laws," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He added, "Without this information, the Commonwealth would be unable to produce the regular reports regarding illegal overstayers in the Commonwealth [that] are provided to the DHS authorities responsible [for] instituting removal/deportation proceedings against such aliens who no longer are entitled to remain in the Commonwealth."

Since the federal takeover of local immigration, Demapan said the CNMI has been getting exit and entry information through Customs officers manning the airport exit station and taking the necessary information from incoming passengers as they are processed at the terminal.

The information is then made available to the CNMI's BMS directed by the LIIDS office at the Department of Labor.

Demapan said Gov. Benigno R. Fi-

tial directed this process in order to ensure that the CNMI government has the necessary data to enforce its own labor laws and to continue to have the capacity to identify which incoming aliens have overstayed the permits authorizing them to enter the Commonwealth.

"Nothing that the Commonwealth has done in this regard has interfered in any respect with the ability of the federal government to regulate immigration into, and exit from, the Commonwealth. However, after some months of experience with the new Customs procedures, we became aware of the desirability to find another way to get the incoming information in a more efficient way that would not burden our incoming visitors," he said.

The Marianas Visitors Authority has also expressed some concern along these lines.

Finance Secretary Robert Schrack, in a public notice, said the purpose of the proposed changes to the regulations "is to provide a system for the monitoring of the entry and exit of individuals from the territory of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

OPA

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agreement between CPA and Rota Terminal and Transfer Co. Inc., or RT&T.

OPA said CPA is losing money to RT&T because of the default in monthly payments, and described the settlement agreement as "highly unusual" because of CPA's generosity.

The settlement deal involves RT&T's original arrears of \$400,702 as of November 2008, but this figure was lowered to \$343,313 in March 2009.

Under the agreement, RT&T is required to pay CPA \$4,097.19 every month—without interest—beginning May 1, 2009, and the first of each month thereafter until \$245,831.20 is paid in full, out of the \$343,313 arrears.

However, OPA found that RT&T has only paid CPA \$13,888.76 as of March 3, 2010.

"Had all payments been made, RT&T should have already paid a total of \$45,069.09 as of the same date," OPA said in its April 2010 preliminary review, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

OPA is expected to soon release its final review of the agreement.

RT&T signed two lease agreements with CPA in 1996 and 1997 for the use of a terminal warehouse facility at the West Dock and warehouse and storage facility at the West Harbor on Rota.

CPA terminated RT&T's lease agreement and ordered it to vacate the property by March 13, 2009 after it failed to settle over \$400,702 arrears as of November 2008.

That same month, CPA and RT&T entered into an agreement for RT&T to settle its debts to CPA. That revised amount of debt was \$343,313.

WANTED

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tified man reported spotting an Asian male in Marpi who seemed disoriented and dehydrated.

Yu, 44, also known as Papasang, a Chinese national, was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing on charges of illegal possession of a controlled substance and trafficking of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$50,00 cash.

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that patrol officers were sent to Marpi after DPS received the call on Thursday at 5:30pm.

Blas said three patrol officers searched the vicinity of the former Radar Station and found an Asian man wearing a black polo shirt and blue Levis pants.

The Asian man, later identified as Yu, was walking on the gravel road leading to the DPS Firing Range.

Blas said the officers stopped Yu to check if he needed any medical attention and gave him water.

Yu appeared exhausted and was wet

"Based on information provided by CPA, RT&T has not abided with the provisions because it has been in default of the settlement agreement," OPA said.

But there is nothing in the settlement agreement/promissory note about terminating the lease in the event of a default by RT&T.

"Based on the preliminary observations, CPA management has been very considerate to the lessee," said OPA.

RT&T is partly owned by former representative Victor B. Hocog, the son of current CPA chair Joe Lifofoi.

'Highly unusual deal'

OPA, in its preliminary review, described the 2009 deal as "highly unusual" because RT&T was exempt from paying any interest from the amount previously owed and from the amount of the settlement.

"Based on our analysis, RT&T was given a substantial 'discount' of \$97,482 because the amount owed based on 5 percent of gross receipt for the period 2003 to 2008 was discounted from \$146,224 to only \$48,741," OPA said.

OPA said CPA "could have potentially earned interest of about \$82,270" from the arrears.

"In OPA's opinion, including interest in the promissory note is the prudent way of conducting business," OPA said.

OPA noted that this is only a preliminary response to a request for review of the CPA-RT&T settlement agreement because as of April 2010, OPA has not undertaken any procedure to verify the reason why the CPA management preferred to give discount to RT&T and agreed to a "very considerate settlement."

all over. He had scratches on his body.

Blas said one of the patrol officers noticed that the Asian man seemed familiar so he checked a photocopy of the wanted man that he had in his vehicle.

As the individual seemed to be the same person, the officers called members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force to the scene.

Blas said that task force agents confirmed that the individual was indeed Yu, who eluded them during a buy-bust operation on Aug. 4. The agents arrested Yu and took him to the Department of Corrections in Susupe.

In the Aug. 14 incident, task force agents had tried to arrest Yu and his girlfriend, Zhang Ling, but the two, who were aboard a Toyota Land Cruiser, rammed into the officers' vehicle along Middle Road in Gualo Rai and sped off, with police in pursuit. The suspects' vehicle eventually crashed onto some trash outside a house in Chalan Kiya, where Ling was arrested. Yu, who was reportedly armed with a .38-caliber pistol, fled on foot into the woods.

In a search of Yu's residence, task force agents reportedly seized over 540 grams or half a kilo of "ice."

OVERSTAYERS

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Comments to the proposal are due within 30 days from Aug. 16.

The Department of Finance is proposing to amend its Customs Service Regulations to create a system for monitoring the entry and exit of international passengers in the CNMI, months after the federal government took over local immigration.

The required information will include the passport number and country of issuance for each international passenger.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that none of the airlines providing service to the CNMI has expressed any opposition to the Commonwealth receiving the same information as is provided to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

CBP took over border control on Nov. 28, 2009.

"In view of the federal government's refusal to provide this information to the Commonwealth, we had no choice but to amend our Customs regulations

Mayor's, lawmakers' offices work together to remove junk cars

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An employee of the Saipan Mayor's Office has said that the coordination between their office and those of Precinct 2 officials has made it easier to get rid of junk cars that have become eyesores on the island.

Field operations director John Aldan told *Saipan Tribune* that two other staff from the Mayor's Office are working with three employees of Reps. Ralph Demapan and Ray Palacios of Precinct 2 in removing junk cars in the area.

Precinct 2 comprises the villages of Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, and certain portions of As Lito.

Since the program was implemented this month, Aldan said the team has been able to take out 16 junk cars in the area.

"It's better to work with the congressmen because it makes the job easier for all of us," he said, adding that the junk cars really need to be removed since they pose a hazard to children.

Aldan said that when only the Mayor's Office work on removing the junk cars, the task becomes difficult especially since the requests they get come from different parts of the island.



Aldan

If they do it by district, Aldan said they are able to accomplish more and at the same time, take out other eyesores like old and non-working appliances that were illegally dumped.

With the current system, Aldan said the congressmen's staff are tasked with identifying the junk cars in their area since they know their own precinct better.

At present, Aldan said their team only uses one boom truck. The other boom truck owned by

the Mayor's Office needs repair and they are waiting for parts from off-island.

Despite the lack of equipment, Aldan vowed to finish the junk car removal program for Precinct 2. "I will make sure that we finish it. I want our island to be beautiful," he added.

Aldan said they are looking at Precinct 1 for their next assignment in their junk car removal program.

According to Aldan, this is a "good program" that residents must avail of since it's free and keeps the island clean.

Aldan urges all Precinct 2 residents who have junk cars that need to be disposed of to contact the office of Rep. Ralph Demapan at 664-8899, Rep. Ray Palacios at 664-8923 or the Mayor's Office at 234-6208.

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Man who lost forearm re-files suit vs CHC



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A man who lost his forearm during surgery at the Commonwealth Health Center last year has re-filed his lawsuit against the CNMI government and CHC.

Miguel Magofna Camacho, also known as Michael Magofna Camacho, sued the government and CHC for negligence.

Camacho's four minor children also joined the suit, represented by their mother, Margaret Ayuyu, for loss of consortium.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, asked the Superior Court to order the government and CHC to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Camacho filed the same lawsuit in May 2010.

Dotts stated in the new complaint that the previous notices of the claims gave the defendants opportunity to investigate and address the claims.

Dotts said he proceeded with the lawsuit considering that, as of Aug. 23, 2010, the government had still not responded to the notice.

Dotts stated in the complaint that on Feb. 7, 2009, Camacho sought treatment at CHC for a broken arm. His condition was complicated by hemophilia.

The lawyer said CHC physicians installed a rod the length of Camacho's forearm.

"As a result of the procedure...Mr. Camacho bled inside his arm, causing severe tissue

damage," he said.

CHC, Dotts said, failed to properly treat Camacho's arm with antibiotics and his arm became infected.

By the time Camacho was referred for treatment of complications of hemophilia, his right forearm already required amputation, Dotts said.

The lawyer alleged that CHC physicians breached their duty of care by performing an overly invasive procedure to address Camacho's broken arm, by not properly treating him with antibiotics following his surgery, and by not properly responding to his hemophilia. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Rota projects eyed to benefit from \$94,746 in bond interest balance

The Rota Legislative Delegation adopted a resolution yesterday that reprograms a total of \$94,746 in fund balances from the Commonwealth Development Authority's bond interest, to go towards Rota projects.

Public Law 14-2 appropriated \$500,000 to capital improvement projects on Rota from bond interest proceeds.

But Rota lawmakers said there have been unobligated fund balances from CDA bond interest projects for Rota that CDA has held for more than five years, and they want to reprogram \$94,746 of such fund balance.

Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 17-10, introduced by delegation chair Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), seeks to reprogram \$87,246 to renovate the Rota Medical Referral Guest House and \$7,500 to make a full and final payment to the west marina maintenance dredging, repair and installation of marina gangway on Rota.

The delegation, which held a session yesterday morning, is composed of Ayuyu, Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota). (Haidee V. Eugenio)

Man sues driver over car mishap

A man hurt in a vehicular accident has sued in federal court the female driver of the other car.

Steve K. Jang sued Benjawan Luangfong for negligence and asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order Luangfong to pay him damages and court costs.

According to the complaint, on July 27, 2009, at 10:23am, Jang was driving his 2001 Honda Civic sedan north along Middle Road in Garapan.

As Jang's car was in front of Century Hotel, a 1995 Toyota sedan driven by Luangfong suddenly entered the highway and hit Jang's vehicle.

According to Jang, the Department of Public Safety concluded that Luangfong was at fault. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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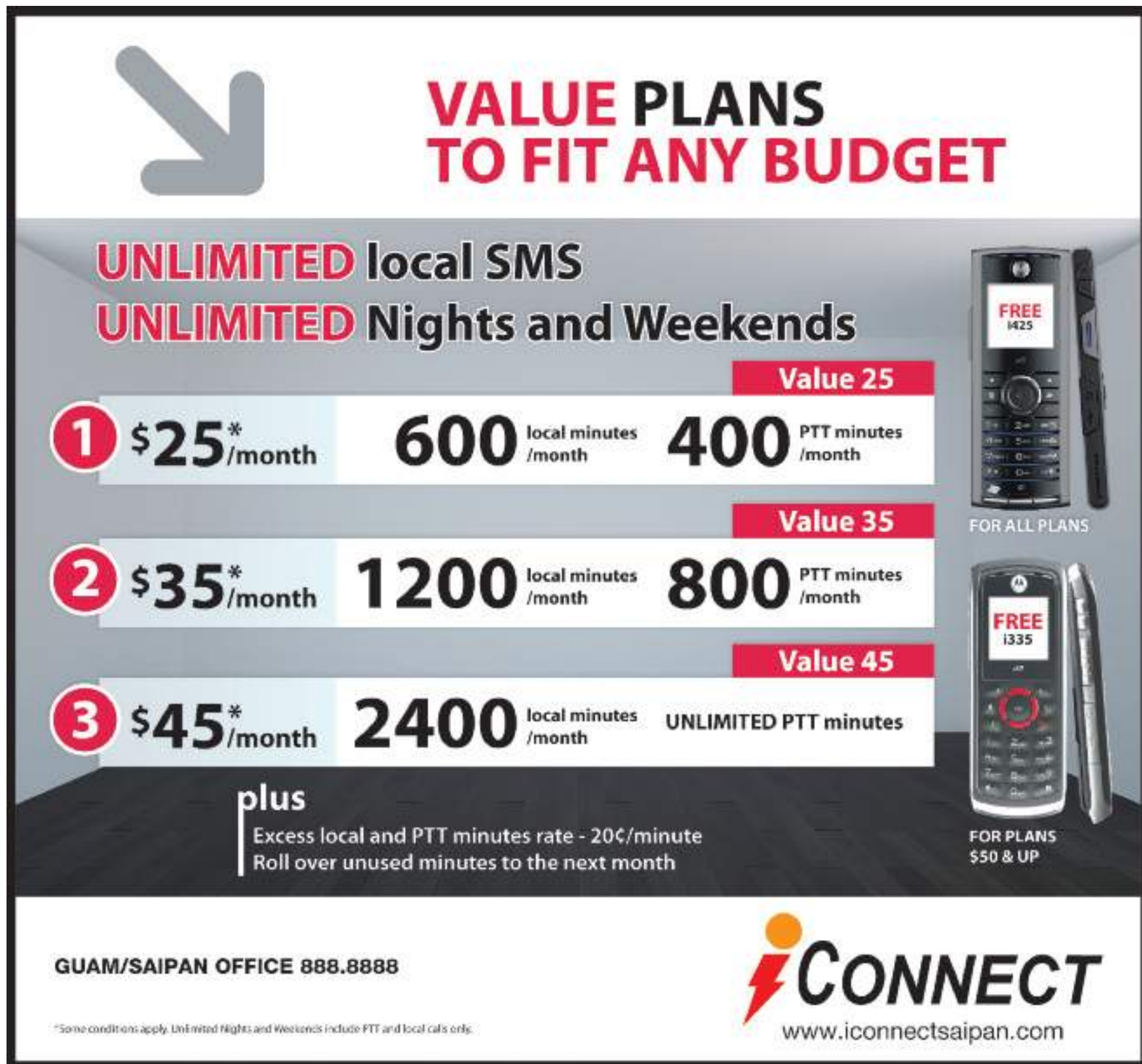
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DPH launches flu campaign as schools open

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

With thousands of children returning to various schools next month, the Department of Public Health is developing a plan on how it could protect students from possible health hazards, particularly the infectious flu virus.

An estimated 11,000 students are expected to return to public schools when classes begin on Sept. 7.

Department of Public Health official John Tagabuel told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday it is essential that school rosters are submitted to DPH's immuniza-

tion program to better safeguard schoolchildren in both public and private schools.

"This will enable DPH staff to identify and to assess the vaccination status for all enrolled students," said Tagabuel.

He said the Immunization Program staff will be collaborating with school officials and parents to ensure that all students are protected against any vaccine-preventable diseases.

"As we develop plans for the influenza campaign, we would like the general public to be aware of other potentially dreadful diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, polio, tetanus, diphtheria, per-

tussis, chickenpox, meningitis, etc.," he said.

Tagabuel highlighted the objectives of the vaccination campaign for schoolchildren. These include educating the public on "W.A.T.C.H. It"; developing vaccine educational materials; vaccinating school communities and villages against influenza; and vaccinating all students enrolled in public and private school.

He said they also plan to vaccinate senior citizens against influenza and provide feedback on their progress to all stakeholders.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved last month the vaccines for the 2010-2011

influenza season in the United States. Seasonal influenza vaccine protects against three strains of influenza, including the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, which caused the 2009 pandemic. Last year because the 2009 H1N1 virus emerged after production began on the seasonal vaccine, two separate vaccines were needed to protect against seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic flu virus. This year, only one vaccine is necessary.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, between 5 percent and 20 percent of the U.S. population develops influenza each year, leading to more than 200,000 hospitalizations from related complications and about 36,000 deaths.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 27, 1999

CHC to open outpatient clinic for children

In a move to expand its community service, the Commonwealth Health Center has hired three more surgeons from the U.S. mainland, as well as open an out-patient clinic that will cater only to children's emergency cases, said Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez. Villagomez said the decision was made due to overcrowding of patients in the emergency room especially in the evening. He noted that parents have been complaining about the long wait they have to endure in the emergency room when doctors are busy attending to critical cases.

CNMI seeks link to US criminal records

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency is eyeing federal funding to programs that will give the CNMI access to records of criminals from the U.S. mainland, including sex offenders, according to Harry Blanco, acting director of CJP. This unique program under the U.S. Department of Justice will upgrade the present communication system of the CNMI and strengthen the island's criminal enforcement since it will allow police officers to check on the criminal history of convicted felons from the mainland who come to the Northern Marianas. Similarly, DOJ will have access to records of convicted criminals here.

Aug. 27, 2001

Senate drawn into CUC, CDA fight

Efforts by the Commonwealth Development Authority to collect more than a hundred million dollars in CIP funds that were loaned to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation have drawn the Legislature into the fray. The Senate has introduced a measure known as the "forgiveness bill," which would eliminate the interests on the \$51.5-million CDA loans that have ballooned the CUC's obligation to roughly \$102 million. Speculations that the CUC may be lobbying with the legislature for the passage of the measure was boosted when Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero, a former executive director of the utility company, appeared at the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama Friday to witness the legal battle between the two autonomous government agency.

DPS vows to help protect marine sanctuaries

The Department of Public Safety has expressed its willingness to cooperate with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources in enforcing the fishing ban on marine sanctuaries in the Commonwealth. In a letter addressed to Natural Resources Secretary Dr. Jack Tenorio, Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr. said that his department is open in assisting the DLNR in conducting marine patrol and surveillance in marine sanctuaries such as Bird Island, Forbidden Island and the no-fishing zone around Managaha Island. "I have directed Maj. Santiago F. Tudela and Claudio K. Norita to meet with your designated representative on ironing out your specific mission criteria so that we can incorporate it into our marine enforcement operations," he said in a letter dated August 17.

Aug. 27, 2002

Firm chosen to recycle garment waste

The Division of Procurement and Supply has finally selected a company that would ship out and recycle tons of garment wastes in the Commonwealth. Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, who is chairman of the Solid Waste Task Force, disclosed to reporters yesterday that the division awarded the project to Artman Corporation, a Saipan-based company in Koblerville that has been in the waste recycling business in the last few years. The firm beat out four other proposals for the pilot project, which would last for one year. "Right now, the contract is being circulated for signing. We're going to hopefully sign off the project within the week," said Benavente. Once the contract is signed by the end of the week, Benavente said they could start working toward bringing all garment wastes to the site in Lower Base, where Artman can process the waste for recycling.

Dr. Jack back at DOLI

Dr. Joaquin A. Tenorio is officially back from a leave of absence as secretary of labor and immigration, amid speculations about his alleged incapability to work this month. Tenorio officially reported for work yesterday, his office said. But he was unavailable when asked for an interview. A staff at Tenorio's office said the secretary was in a meeting. The statement belied reports that Tenorio would be reporting for work only by September. Tenorio initially went on official visit to the Philippines as part of the delegation of Gov. Juan N. Babauta late July.



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The bombs of August

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Historian B. W. Tuchman's 1962 Pulitzer Prize winning book, *The Guns of August*, narrates the beginning of World War I and describes the events of that war's first 30 days. JFK learned from the historical narrative as he waded through the intricacies of the Cuban missile crisis, and the possible holocaust that may result from another global conflagration more devastating than the one the Nippon nation experienced in 1945.

Early part of this month on Tinian, historian Don Farrell organized a Manhattan Project symposium commemorating the 65th anniversary of the launching of *Little Boy* and the *Fat Man* over the skies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Residents of those Nippon cities have since organized powerful movements to remind the world that the stockpiling of nuclear weapons is nothing but a crime against humanity. Sixty-five years later, not a few still find it necessary to justify the use of the bomb. The swagger among vets in the absolute rightness of the deed to avoid further deaths 65 years ago remains strong.

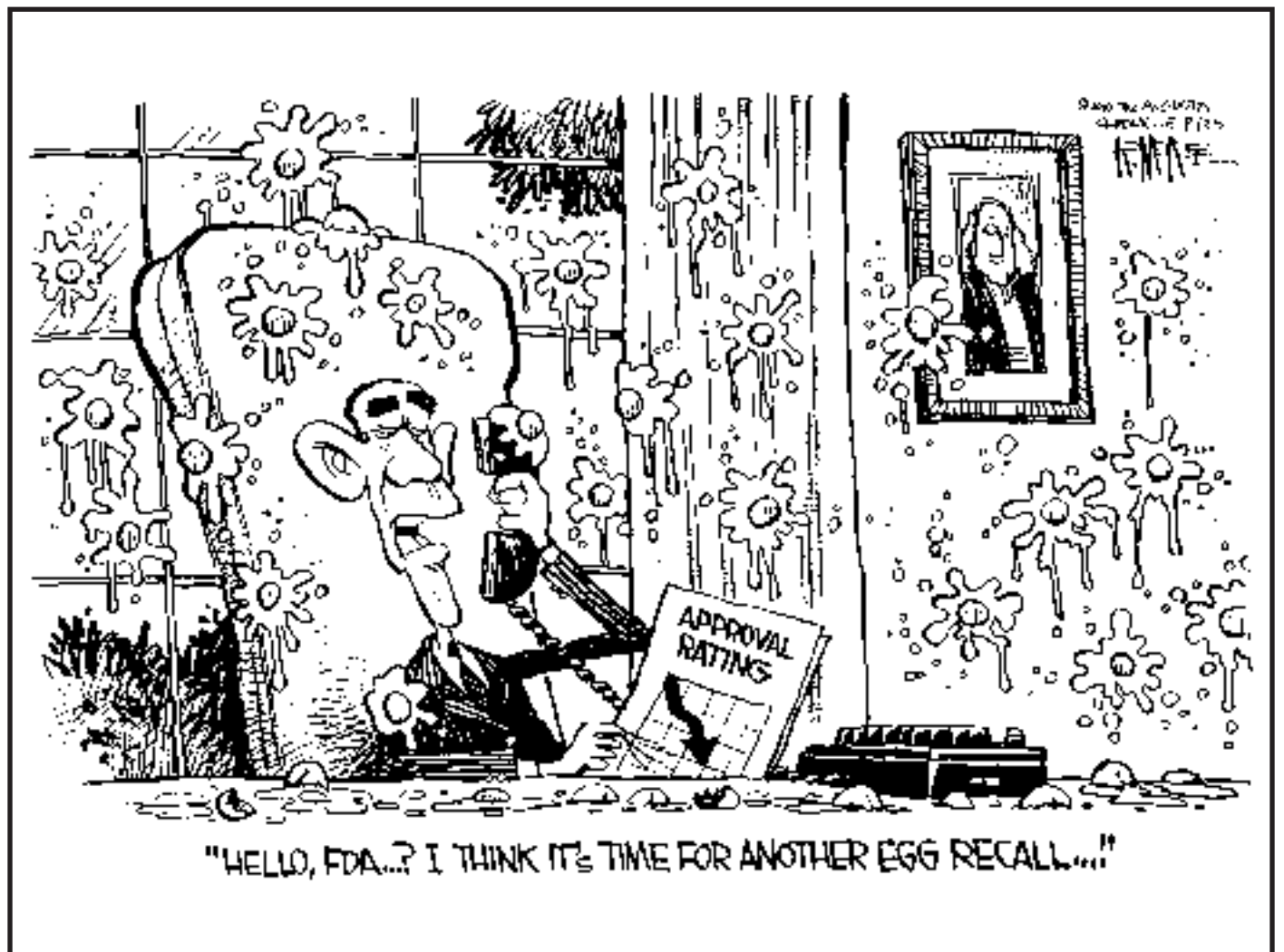
Historical accounts favor this interpretation, but a recent American historian's assessment of the Soviet Union's hostile military moves after Hiroshima and prior to Nagasaki, coming to within 30 miles off Hokkaido, might have been more decisive in ending the war than what has been presumed as the reason for the absolute capitulation of the Japanese emperor. This is not political revisionist history. There is ample evidence that Japan thought it more prudent to surrender to the Americans than to the Russians, their traditional archenemy in Manchuria and Mongolia.

For the first time this August, the American Ambassador to Japan officially represented the U.S. government at the annual Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon also attended. President Obama is scheduled to visit Japan this November and given his stance on nuclear disarmament, a visit to either Hiroshima or Nagasaki would further his cause.

With the shrinking of our forward military land bases outside of the United States, the Marianas has now become a fall-back location for troops being redeployed from Okinawa, and I suspect soon, from the rest of Japan and Korea. The forward positioning of naval supply vessels now strategically located in three places in the world, including Saipan, and the increasing reliance on carriers as a conduit for rapid military deployment, foreshadow a more overt presence and reliance on our shores in the Western Pacific.

Don Farrell's recent comment on Tinian's North Field about to have limited access now that the Armed Forces' buildup in the former airfield is imminent is a recognition that the CNMI has been and will now increasingly play its original role as a strategic military acquisition of the United States. Saying it that way may sound cold and patronizing but it is, nevertheless, true. Willens and Siemer make it very clear in their book, *National Security and Self-Determination: United States policy in Micronesia*, that these isles were gotten for their military strategic value, post-Vietnam and the intransigent Marcos re U.S.

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Rumors...from the government

Our position on immigration rumors should be clear to everyone by now. Rumors hurt people, are at best well-intentioned but are the products of gullibility and ignorance, and are at the worst callous and mean-spirited. For those who believe in them, they are all proof of misplaced and sometimes desperate hope. We are used to hearing immigration rumors that start in one or another of our foreign expatriate communities, spread in that community and then jump over into another. This week, for a change, we will look at some rumors that start with an unusual source: the federal government. That is, rumors that we can confirm came from a government official, or which are attributed to a government official and which have had noticeable consequences.

'21,000 illegals in the CNMI'—NOT

An attorney we know reported a conversation with an officer connected to ICE—Immigrations and Customs Enforcement—but fortunately not assigned to the CNMI, in which the officer stated that “there are 21,000 illegals in the CNMI.” That is approximately the same number of aliens determined to be present and eligible for employment by the CNMI government as required by the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, CNRA, aka “the federalization statute.” This nonsense would be laughable if ICE were not charged with bringing illegals to the attention of the immigration courts for detention and removal (deportation). But it is not funny when the mistake is made by an enforcement agency.

Foreign guest workers, alien investors, the immediate relatives of various categories of aliens and all other aliens legally present under CNMI law are considered by DHS, including USCIS and ICE, to be “present without admission” after Nov. 28, 2009. As we said in last week's column, that is a status usually reserved for people slated for removal. In the case of the CNMI, however, those aliens who had a valid CNMI status before Nov. 28, 2009, and who have maintained that status since, are not considered to be unlawfully present in the CNMI. The CNRA specifically states, in a section titled “Prohibition on Removal,” which itself is the first subsection under “Persons Lawfully Admitted Under the Commonwealth Immigration Law,” that except for certain individuals not relevant here, “no alien who is lawfully present in the Commonwealth pursuant to the immigration laws of the Commonwealth on [Nov. 28, 2009] shall be removed from the United States on the grounds that such alien's presence in the Commonwealth [violates the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)]” until the alien's admission under CNMI law expires or until Nov. 27, 2011, whichever comes first.

Of course, anyone who violates U.S. immigration law after Nov. 28, 2009, is fair game for ICE, and rightly so, as are people who do not fit within the CNRA's prohibition on removal. The federal government has established an immigration court on Saipan, and by all accounts from our fellow immigration attorneys, it is pretty busy. As a statement of intent for the future, the comment by the ICE

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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officer is chilling, and we hope it does not represent the position of his agency. We continue to recommend that all lawful foreign residents of the CNMI take appropriate steps to protect their status after the end of the two-year grace period on Nov. 27, 2011. In that regard, we hope that DHS resolves its inner debate and issues the final CW1 and CNMI E-2 regulations soon.

No government document 'because you're all illegal'

An employer recently consulted us about a labor case with an unusual factor: One item of complaint was that the alien employee and co-workers had visited a federal office on Saipan—because the case is ongoing we cannot identify it—where a federal employee refused to issue a document commonly issued by that office “because you're all illegal.”

We hope that federal employee receives appropriate guidance. The applicant workers were all lawfully admitted as Foreign National Workers under CNMI law, prior to Nov. 28, 2009. They all have valid, unexpired CNMI permits but—and we don't know why—they did not acquire umbrella permits. That may be what confused the government official. We suggested to the employer that this employee “grievance,” which is not really the employer's fault, could be resolved if the employee applies for parole-in-place prior to expiration of the CNMI entry permit. That is one function of parole-in-place, to allow lawful workers without umbrella permits, like these, to remain in status through Nov. 27, 2011.

We mention this misstatement by a government official because it has already had a pernicious effect. It has contributed to tension between employer and employee, resulted in one hearing already at CNMI Labor, and has required the employer to incur attorney's fees. We also are certain that the rumor will spread

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Attack of the earthling ice zombies

The first time I heard about smoking “ice” somebody was catching me up on the day’s news as we sweltered in high-noon heat at Coral Ocean Point. I envisioned an ice cube lodged in a briar pipe, as the smoker enjoyed a refreshing mist of inhaled coolness. Picture Norman Rockwell in Bermuda shorts. What a great idea! I wondered (aloud) why I had missed this handy technique elsewhere in the tropics.

My pals wondered something else (also aloud). Like, if maybe I was born on Mars, probably hatched in a pod or something, and sent to Earth as a not-quite-convincing facsimile of a human being.

OK, so I’m not hip to street lingo. It’s a common problem when hardware design and software design have different revision cycles. The hardware is passable, at least if I remember to retract my antenna and stuff it under my hat, but my cultural software hasn’t been updated since 1972, and back then, when we said “ice,” we meant it was time to defrost the fridge.

As if anything worth a darn has come along since ‘72. Name one thing. OK, name two, then. Ha! See? Earthlings are past their prime. You should have quit at the peak of your civilization, when Mustang Fastbacks with 351 cubic-inch Cleveland V-8s roamed your planet.

Well, for those looking for the fastest way to zoom past their prime, ice (methamphetamine) can add miles faster than a Fastback burning 93-octane.

Saipan apparently has no shortage of ice. It’s fairly big news, and as crime becomes a bigger concern in the smoldering ruins of the CNMI economy, the notion of unemployed, frustrated, drug-crazed people going on violent benders just adds another wacky element to the gig.

That’s not something I usually ponder, given that my friends’ idea of a bender is one thin gin and tonic followed by a defiant refusal to floss their teeth for a day. But recently I was burning up cell phone minutes catching up with an old friend who is a career lawman in the mainland. He told me about the ice users he was encountering in his new assignment, and how they totally melt. Melt, he said. Their

teeth fall out, their faces get haggard and wrinkled, their skin grows carpets of festering scabs, they get emaciated, they get crazy, and too often they get violent.

As it turns out, another lawman has documented the sort of extreme makeover that ice provides its consumers. There’s a photo presentation featuring before and after pictures of alleged ice addicts, culled from the mug shot archives of the Multnomah (Ore.) County Sheriff’s Office. It’s called “Faces of Meth.”

It’s available at Drugfree.org; just run a search for it there.

The presentation could also be called “Faces of Ruin.” No wonder this element of society makes such an impression on those who deal with them. If you look at these pictures, you’ll see that in just a couple of years, ice can add 30 years to someone’s face, and it’s not a healthy 30 years at that. They look like zombies. I am utterly intrigued by the physiology here; it’s a total time-warped gig between the chronological, the chemical, and the physical.

Commonwealth teachers and other community leaders might find “Faces of Meth” an effective way to make a point to the more impressionable set. After all, finger-wagging about the health risks of forbidden substances is probably not very effective communications, but images of zombie transformations can probably make a very powerful point, at least to some people. As for other people, well, much of humanity isn’t receptive to abstract notions of cause-

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and-effect; it prefers to indulge impulse, not reason, so you won’t get very far with them. Best to just keep them at a safe distance.

Overall, Saipan is going to have a tough time with this and other crime matters. Is there a tipping point with this, a threshold at which things boil over? I do not know. But what I do know is that the economy has been structured along the lines of learned helplessness, and this is creating a permanent underclass. On a small island, a simmering underclass is not exactly consistent with the imperatives of tourism development, since every segment of society is going to bump up against every other segment. The ice dynamic will simply crank up heat a few notches.

Ah, earthlings, they really do enjoy making things difficult for themselves. Well, some of them, anyway.

Letters to the Editor

Student performance

The article of Aug. 24 titled “Despite slight growth, all grade levels fail to meet SAT-10 target” is just one of continuing sample of carelessness by PSS on a matter as large and critical as the fate of students’ performance and their lifelong education in PSS. I was appalled by the incompleteness of the report because this matter is still in the process of further refinement and review by analysis, collection, and final evaluation as to the nature and meaning of the data from the SAT-10 test results. How can you make such a hasty conclusion without going over the details of the SAT-10 results that is still subject to further analysis? That I cannot understand.

As a layperson, I know that 50 is the average national percentile rank for a norm-referenced test. Having this in mind, I know from the few information in the article that overall for all grades, the students’ performance for SY 2009 was below the average national percentile rank. That is all the information that was available from the article, but is this all that could be said for a matter as critical as public education in the CNMI? This triggers my curiosity even more, suggesting why such a simple and monolithic discussion. Are there more problems under the radar that authorities in PSS is purposefully holding back, and if not how should I and other interested public should know and be given the full and straight information about student performance that is measured by a valid and reliable instrument such as the SAT-10 test results? Please remind those responsible in PSS that a novel style report format is not the answer where tables and charts would do the best presentation, especially in press releases such as SAT-10 test result matters.

Out of curiosity it would be a significant attempt by PSS to disclose in detail how performance gaps between boys and girls and between major ethnic groups persisted for the time periods of comparison. The information showing that PSS gained a slight growth in student performance for the period under consideration does not mean anything unless we could see all the data to support this summary conclusion. If we are comparing summary data between SY 2008 to data results for SY 2009, that is not enough time frame because we could not make any sense at all as to the regression information when you limit

Thank you

I wish to sincerely express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Medical Referral Office and CHC for your kind and timely action on my 5-year-old daughter’s medical referral case.

I’m aware of the volume and variety of medical referral cases that your office handles everyday. Yet you took time to carefully consider my daughter’s case, arranging for her to be expeditiously evaluated which eventually recommended that she be referred to Guam Surgicenter. Were not for your timely action, my daughter would have had to needlessly suffer much longer the pain of her throat injury.

Thank you again for seeing my daughter as more than just a name in a hospital request form and for your kind understanding of our parental anxiety and concern.

More power to your office as you continue your commitment to good service to our community.

Jeremiah E. Maximo
Chalan Piao, Saipan

the time frame to two years. In my opinion, PSS should at least put in table format data for three succeeding school years, i.e., SY 2007, SY 2008, and SY 2009. In this way we could see how student performance is improving, failing, or being stagnant.

If the data are disaggregated by gender, major ethnic group, grades, schools, and islands, then we should be able to understand and appreciate what the overall picture of student performances are as measured by the SAT-10 test. The stakeholders of PSS should not be content and passive about student performance. With all the exception given to PSS, including the recent pay raises to teachers and administrators, this matter should be taken very seriously and without politicking and fanfare. They were given all the resources under tough and trying times; it is incumbent upon the authorities in PSS to do their part and start making best outcomes. I am not suggesting that we engage in a microwave attitude like making this an instant attempt commensurate with an instant impact, but something should be pursued to tell us, the public, about the true, complete and partial assessment of student performance. We are not asking for more than what PSS should have done.

If the raw data of the SAT-10 test is available and the public can have access to it, I would be glad to get one and do an independent analysis. Probably that will boost the partnership and cooperation between PSS and the general public. Whatever path is available, we all deserve to once in a while be involved in the fate of student performance in the public schools.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Casino equals chaos and mayhem

Mr. Speaker: Why do you defy and disrespect the will of the people? Do you not see the social problems inflicted upon innocent children when their parents spend half if not all of their earnings on poker alone? Do you know how many restless schoolchildren suffer while left in parked vehicles in front of poker parlors, or are left at home unattended? Have you any idea how many crimes have been committed either to satisfy such gambling addictions or to support other addictions? Such ignorance and personal self-interest is the very reason the CNMI is in a bleak predicament.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the Commonwealth do not know this but when you were governor, you were sent a warning letter by then Interior Secretary Richard Montoya to immediately rectify the influx of foreign guest workers in the CNMI for ultimately it would jeopardize our social and cultural well-being. I ask you this: Did you share that information with the public then?

Mr. Speaker, your casino bills will further bring chaos and mayhem to the people of the CNMI and it is with hope that the Senate does the right thing by adhering and respecting the will of the people of the Commonwealth that voted not to such gambling initiatives. I offer you a solution to better the CNMI’s future economic development and a better future for our children: Retire from politics, Mr. Speaker, for your self-interest agendas and dictatorship are no longer tolerable.

Gregorio Cruz
Papago, Saipan

RUMORS

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unless stopped by facts.

Advance parole to come to Saipan from the U.S. mainland?

A few months ago we were contacted by a young lady living in the U.S. mainland, whose status was changing from H4 (immediate relative of an H1 or H2 visa holder) to lawful permanent resident. She wanted to visit her fiancé on Saipan, and she called the USCIS general information number to find out if there are any special conditions. She told the information operator that she intended to travel to Saipan through Hawaii and Guam—that is, the whole trip would be entirely within the U.S., from an immigration perspective. The USCIS information employee told her, “you must apply for advance parole before entering the CNMI, or you will be considered to have abandoned your application for permanent residence.”

Our first reaction was, “huh?” Before Nov. 28, it would have been true that she would need advance parole to return to her home in the U.S. mainland, but not after that date. It is crystal clear from the CNRA, and clearly stated on the USCIS website, that beginning Nov. 28 the CNMI is included in the definition of the geographical definition of the U.S.

We told the young lady that there is no reason to bar her from visiting her fiancé, and that she did not need any advance parole or other special documentation to preserve her permanent resident application. But she decided to play it safe, and stay put until her application is finally approved. We know we were right on this, but we don’t blame her for not taking any chances.

We also reported the error to USCIS itself and, hopefully, its operators are no longer giving outdated advice on this issue.






The point of all this? Rumors can come from any source. When they wear the cloak of authority, they are potentially more harmful. Whatever the source, though, once rumors get into the wild they become dangerous, like the feral pigs along the length of the California coast. They get away from the farms, breed with wild boars and grow tusks. They are a great nuisance and, if you run into one unprepared, you will get hurt. Protect yourselves: don’t listen to rumors—get the facts.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▲83 ▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲89 ▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79

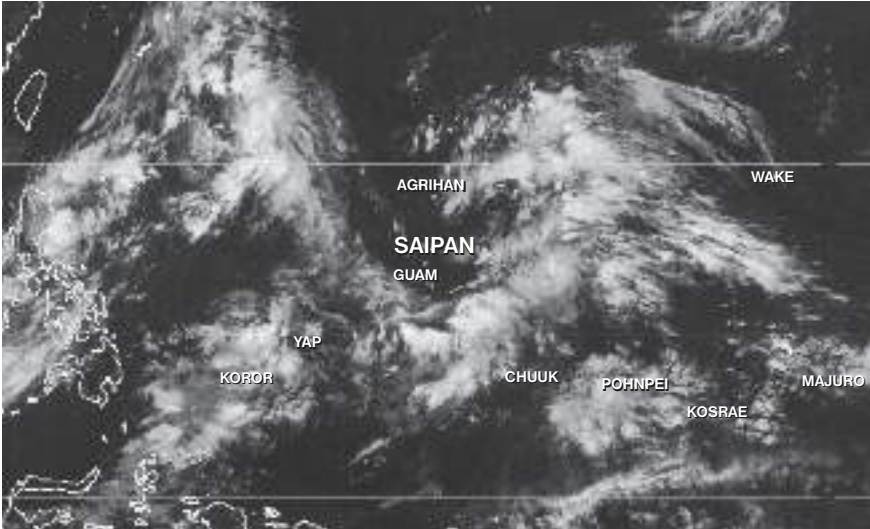
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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼75
London	Showers	▲64 ▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲57 ▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼60
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲95 ▼82
Paris	Rain	▲71 ▼54
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Rome	Sunny	▲92 ▼69
Salem	Sunny	▲74 ▼49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲66 ▼55
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Tokyo	Sunny	▲91 ▼78
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼61

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
8:50 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
3:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
9:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches southwestward from 23N136E through a weak circulation centered east of Luzon. Low-level convergence east and west of the trough and upper-level divergence are combining to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west and south of Iwo To between 16N and 25N from 131E to 139E. A surface trough extends northeastward from near Koror at 7N135E to east of Guam to an upper-low east of the Marianas centered at 18N149E then continues to beyond 25N151E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Koror within 50 miles of a line from 3N130E to 3N132E to 5N135E between Koror and Yap between 7N and 10N from 132E to 137E south and east of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 8N146E to 19N156E west of Wake Island between 19N and 24N from 149E to 157E north of Pohnpei between 12N and 15N from 156E to 158E and south of Wake Island between 13N and 17N from 160E to 167E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Pohnpei between 3N and 8N from 153E to 161E and just north and east of Majuro between 7N and 9N from 171E to 177E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:54 PM	7:43 AM
Saturday	8:30 PM	8:30 AM
Sunday	9:08 PM	9:18 AM
Monday	9:49 PM	10:08 AM
Tuesday	10:35 PM	11:08 AM

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
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OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1	4, 7
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OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3.5 via GUM-Palau
				C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
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OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Letter to the Editor

Walk the talk

In response to Stanley: Are you high? The protesters up there were not asking for salary increases for the college, they were protesting passage of HB17-96! But thanks for the clarification and indication that you lack comprehension on sarcasm.

FYI, we understand what discretionary funds are for; we also understand there is a lack of financial accountability in utilizing these funds on the legislators part—great for you! What an irony that it is from you now that the college must be more

financially accountable to the Legislature to the detail. Just because *you* want them to and when Tina Sablan asks the same of you, you all shun her. I am just wondering why reporting has to be because of legislation and why you can't just write a memo to request them. What happened to the college's autonomy? Or does the majority lack comprehension on accreditation issues that will eventually jeopardize NMC's status because of political interference? (A big thank you for Rep. Benavente

for his support)

Please stop making NMC issues a personal vendetta on your part. Carmen Fernandez no longer works there, and we all know how much you despise her and Beno. It is sad that little old men like you in positions like that *can* make a difference for students at the college because of your meddling. Maybe it is true with the saying, "You can't teach old dogs new tricks." Try a new profession, please.

It is great that you speak of the betterment of our people through neighborhood projects. Too bad you only talk the talk but do not walk the walk because I have driven everywhere on Saipan to know you don't

walk straight. What neighborhood projects? Lately, the rainy season has caused overgrown grass, weeds, vines, you name it—even potholes! These cause accidents because our roads have gotten smaller in the villages, unless you speak of neighborhood projects around your house only. We all can justify ourselves and get away with it but how many of you actually do right, especially when no one is looking.

However, I admire your arrogance to suggest making marijuana, guns and expunging criminal records legal here on our islands. Makes me wonder why you so strongly support constituents that cannot even

vote! Looks like you are on the wrong side, pro illegal activities and against higher education because this includes jeopardizing our children's education at the college and you have a big hand in that.

In closing, I just want to assure you that I am no cyber rat. When I make comments I am sure to sign my name. Do you ever wonder that maybe those cyber rats are somehow related to you in some way and just want to avoid attacking your many legislative proposals to ruining our community? Good day, Stanley.

Karla C. Mareham
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

THE BOMBS

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bases in the Philippines

And why not? The United States' ascendancy into superpowerdom is a consequence of its economy defined by a military-industrial complex (Eisenhower's term) that molded this nation since World War II, when we shot up from #18 to #1 on the

global military strength scale. On our 2009 national budget, 54 percent has been tagged as military spending (past indebtedness at 18, and current expenditures at 36 percents), with the remaining 30 percent going to human services, 11 to running the government, and five toward physical resources.

More conservative figures get the military share of the pie as low as 28 percent, and though the range between 28

and 54 might be wide, it's undeniable: our economy invests on technology of mass destruction as well as on fear of others doing us harm. If our military spending is larger than the next 15 nations combined, then there is no doubt where this nation's priorities and pre-occupation, delusionary and illusory as it may seem, lie. Locating where education fits in requires a magnifying glass to find a dab of national re-

source, unless the effort is in service of the military!

With 23 percent of our recent HS grads joining the military, and every tot and toddler growing up to play war games in cyberspace, of the violent quality of the Texas Chainsaw horror show sans the aristocratic élan of Spartan discipline, we are concerned with how our resources continue to be used.

Tuchman's *Guns* has since ceased to be required reading at

State and Defense. "Two bomb holes on the ground" historian Don Farrell's might shift his hat and become his marine biology self again in defense and in preservation of our Commonwealth natural capital. We might focus on the possibilities of our ecosystems as the anchor of our new economy. Why, we might even notice recent HS grad Dennis Chan's forthcoming book, *Our Northern Islands*. But that's next week's story.

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US Energy execs check on how NMI is spending grant funds

The CNMI Division of Energy, along with the ARRA Office, welcomed to the CNMI this past weekend three visiting U.S. Department of Energy officials who were here to check on how the Commonwealth was spending the energy grants it recently received.

Cathy Iverson, Golden Field Office branch chief, State Energy Program; Carole Gates, branch chief, Weatherization Assistance Program, Golden Field Office; and Eileen Yoshinaka of Lockheed Martin met with CNMI officials led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to get an update on several ongoing projects.

They also visited some project sites that included the CNMI Legislature building, Saipan Southern High School, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Guma Husticia Judicial Building, and the Commonwealth Utilities



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, center, and Energy Division director Thelma B. Inos, left, pose with Cathy Iverson, Golden Field Office branch chief, State Energy Program; Carole Gates, branch chief, Weatherization Assistance Program, Golden Field Office; and Eileen Yoshinaka of Lockheed Martin during their visit to the Office of the Governor.

Corp.'s Power Plant 1.

The US DOE awarded the CNMI about \$18 million through the State Energy Program—American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act to fund several projects that included replacement of parking light lamps and street light lamps to light emitting diodes (LED); lighting and air conditioning re-

rofits at several government facilities, retrofit of turbo chargers, lube oil centrifuge and reclaiming watery oil separators for CUC's power plant and renewable proj-

ects at several locations within the Public School System.

In addition, the CNMI also received about \$997,182 to weatherize homes under the Weatherization Assistance Program. To date, the Division of Energy has weatherized 46 residential homes that incorporated energy-efficient appliances and lighting to those homes.

Besides Fitial, the officials also met with Energy Division director Thelma B. Inos and staff, acting ARRA program manager Antonio Muña Jr., Commerce Secretary Michael J. Ada, Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan, Finance Secretary Robert Schrack, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. director Antonio Muña Sr. and assistant executive director Abe Malae and Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan.

Gates also visited several

homes that were weatherized since this is the first time that the CNMI has received this funding.

A Governor's Office statement said the visiting officials were "very impressed and pleased with the progress that the CNMI has made" with all the SEP and WAP ARRA projects as it provided them a view of the work that were completed and an understanding of the work to come.

"The CNMI Division of Energy and the ARRA Office are pleased and welcomes any opportunity to showcase the progress on SEP/WAP-ARRA projects and the positive aspects of the funding had on the CNMI and its people. Furthermore, it strengthens our commitment in ensuring maximum transparency and accountability on all ARRA funding provided by the US DOE," the statement adds. (PR)

Early Signs of Autism Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Red flags to watch for from birth to age 3

Social

Children with autism may:

- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral

Children with autism may:

- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas

Children with autism often:

- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4830** for a free developmental screening.

**Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.
Early action is the key!**



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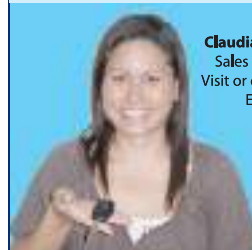
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WSR, San Antonio, Tinian Elementary change leadership

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Two public schools on Saipan and one on Tinian will have new school principals when classes open on Sept. 7.

Saipan Tribune learned that Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan has promoted three administrators to school principals at the San Antonio Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary, and Tinian Elementary School.

Naomi Nishimura is the new principal of WSR, a position previously held by Lynnette Villagomez, who was moved to the system's reading program at the central office.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School's former vice principal Martin Dalsaso is now the new principal of San Antonio Elementary beginning this school year.

San Antonio was previously handled by Katrina Lizama, who will still be assigned at the school. SAES has no vice principal onboard due to its small population.

Dionne Santos will now be the new acting principal at Tinian Elementary following the retirement of Maria Rios.

Acting education commissioner Peter Le'au confirmed the new appointments yesterday, saying that PSS needs to secure the management of public schools.

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"We're securing the leadership in all schools," he said.

As of July this year, PSS had 42 school administrators, 14 of whom are classified as highly qualified. This translates to 33 percent of the total principal and vice principal population. Non-highly qualified school administrators totaled 28 individuals, or 67 percent of the population.

The U.S. Department of Education has given CNMI public schools until July 31, 2011, to comply with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act that all classroom teachers, school administrators, and school counselors should be highly qualified by then.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 3rd birthday to Ayden Josiah Urdaneta "Whachadoing!" Wishing you many blessings on your birthday and many more to come. We love you!

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Cartrina Azlyn Borja Salas, who turns 18 today, Aug. 27, 2010! Congratulations! You're finally legal. Greetings come from your friends and family.

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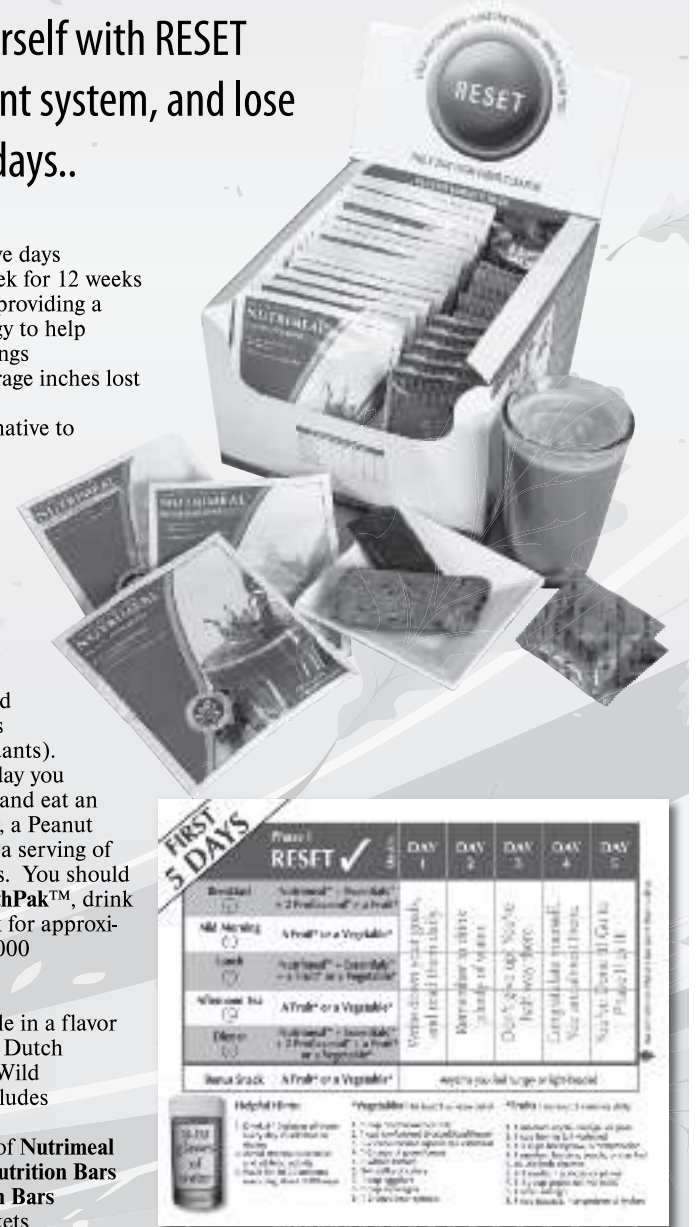
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With another school year fast approaching, frugal parents are on the lookout for the best back-to-school deals for their children and that includes grooming, so essential to a young learner's life.

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As part of its student promo, a haircut costs only \$5 for boys and \$6 for girls. Add a few dollars and boys can get a hair and scalp treatment for only \$10 while girls pay \$15 for the same service. A teen facial costs only \$20.

Students who want to avail of this promo must present a valid student ID when they visit the Serenity Salon and Spa on the second floor of the Dollar Days building in Garapan.

A subsidiary of the TBK Group of Companies, Serenity Salon and Spa is owned and managed by Nenita Ta and has a team of highly qualified stylists, beauticians and facial experts that have been dolling up the community for almost five years.

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Aside from the Back-to-School Student Promo, Serenity Salon and Spa also has its weekly specials and promo packages for their adult clientele.

On Mondays, one can get a soothing body massage for just \$20. On Tuesdays, men's and ladies' haircut are affordable at only \$5 and \$8 respectively. Facial treatment is only \$20, while a luxurious hair spa is just \$15.

Serenity also has varying special promo packages that may include a scalp treatment, a haircut, deep cleansing facial treatment, signature massage, body scrub with body polish honey, manicure and pedicure, or an anti-aging facial treatment. These promo packages range from \$50 to \$100.

Serenity Salon and Spa also offers gift certificates.

For appointments, call Serenity Salon and Spa at 233-6688 or 233-2828 and look for Pinky, Angie, Venus, Mercy, Michelle or Analyn.

Happy 60th Birthday

Lydia H. Aldan

Mother, a birthday is a day of happiness, a day for sharing feelings, and a time for celebrating a very important person. Your birthday is especially an important day, reaching your 60th year, it's a time to wish you a wonderful 365 days ahead and a treasure of happiness from the years gone by.

It's also a time to give you a lasting reminder that you are very special to us. You are the heart of the family's happiness. Your love and care has made our house a "Home Sweet Home."

We thank you for all you are and all you've done to brighten our lives. We thank you for the constant unconditional love you continue to give as our MOTHER and our BEST FRIEND. We thank GOD each day for his greatest gift: making YOU our MOTHER!

From you children:

Joe Jr./Meng, Dorisann/Dave, Dominic/Sherry, Brenda, Caroline, Jason, Vic & Clifford, and from your twenty four (24) Grand and four (4) great-grand and birthday greetings also from husband Joe B. Aldan



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners Board of Directors, is hereby giving notice that the Board will be meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Secretary's Conference Room 2, Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan.

AGENDA

1. Meeting with Roxanne Diaz.
2. Meeting with Senator Paul Manglona.
3. Update on UOL.
4. Report on NCSBN Annual Meeting.
5. Update on Licensure Software.
6. Update Rules and Regulations.
7. NCSBN Scientific Symposium.
8. Miscellaneous.

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20 LBS.
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Beef Back Spare Ribs
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PACIFIC 22.4 LBS. **\$22⁹⁹**
PIKE (uneven weight per case) **\$1²⁹** /LB.

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1lb. **\$4⁹⁹**

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6000ml
\$2⁹⁹ Limit 2

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50 LBS. (LIMIT 1) **\$25⁹⁹**
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50 LBS. (LIMIT 1) **\$26⁹⁹** **\$25⁹⁹** 3 days only (08/27 - 08/29)

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21 pcs./case (LIMIT 1) **\$8⁹⁹** /CASE

Marukiyo Rice Cracker
100pcs. **\$8²⁹**

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1 lb. **\$2⁹⁹**

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1 lb. **\$1¹⁵**

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12 oz. (Limit 6) **\$1³⁹**

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5 oz. **69¢**

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3.75 oz. **89¢**

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Hormel Mary Kitchen Corned Beef Hash
15 oz. **\$1⁹⁹**

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15 oz. **\$1⁷⁹**

DM Beef Stew
15 oz. **\$1⁷⁹**

Coco Tuna
7oz. **99¢** Limit 6

3 Diamond Tuna
\$1¹⁹ Limit 12

Sun Flower Mackerel
15 oz. **\$1⁵⁹**

Campbells Chicken Noodle Soup
10.7 oz. **99¢**

Cream of Mushroom
10 3/4 oz. **\$1⁰⁹**

Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn
89¢

Carnation Evaporated
12 oz. (U.S.) **\$1²⁹**

Crisco Shortening
3 lbs. **\$4⁹⁹** Vegetable **\$5⁹⁹** Butter

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1 Gal. **\$6⁹⁹**

Vegetable Oil
5 Gal. LIMIT 1 **\$23⁹⁹** 3 days only (08/27 - 08/29) **\$24⁹⁹**

Garden of Eatin' Vegetable Oil
1 Gal. **\$7⁹⁹**

Golden State White Vinegar
1 gallon **\$3⁴⁹**

Vlasic Dill Pickles (Wholes/Spars)
1 Gal. **\$6⁹⁹**

Kikkoman
1.6 L. **\$3⁹⁹**

Lemon Powder
5.29 oz. **\$4⁹⁹**

Gold Medal Flour
5 lbs. Limit 2 pcs. **\$2⁹⁹**

Maseca
4.4 lbs. Limit 1 pc. **\$4⁹⁹**

Coco Mackerel
15 oz. **\$1²⁹**

Sugar
2 kg. **\$1⁹⁹**

Morton Iodized Salt
26 oz. **69¢**

Tasters Choice Pouch
8 oz. **\$6⁹⁹**

Nissin Cup Noodles
27 oz./box all flavors **\$5⁹⁹**

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51 cnts. **\$1⁹⁹**

Bounty Basic
15 ROLLS **\$15⁹⁹** 18 ROLLS **\$18⁹⁹**

Bounty 15 Rolls
\$19⁹⁹

Foam Plates
125 ct. **\$7⁹⁹**

Drypers Mega
ALL SIZE **\$14⁹⁹**

Spoon & Fork No Brand Name
100 cnts. **\$1²⁹**

Horse Shampoo
1 qt. **2 FOR \$3⁰⁰**

Bottled White Candle
12 pcs/case **\$13⁹⁹** /CASE

Drypers (All Size) Mega Pack
\$14⁹⁹

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Filma Vegetable Oil
1 Gal. **\$9⁹⁹**

Coke Regular
24/Case Warm Only **\$12⁹⁹**

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(warm only) **\$12⁹⁹**

Kool Aid Jammer
177ml. **\$2⁹⁹** /BOX

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Eat right with the 5-Day RESET weight-management program

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

If you're one of those who struggle with weight issues and get so preoccupied rummaging around for the most effective way to lose weight, you already know that it is an overwhelming task that can drive anyone to the edge.

A successful weight loss definitely entails a lot of hard work. Coupled with a change in eating habits that brings about a

healthy lifestyle, such a colossal undertaking can be accomplished by anyone.

Eating healthy for weight

loss seekers who want to get on the right track need not be difficult as the 5-Day RESET weight-management program is now available on island.

The 5-Day RESET program is a nutritionally balanced program of macro-nutrients which include high-quality protein, good carbohydrates, healthy fats as well as micronutrients which comprise vitamins, minerals,

and antioxidants.

This simple program has a 5-Day RESET kit which allows you to replace unhealthy, high-glycemic foods with nutritious, low-glycemic foods that release energy slowly and do not cause drastic blood glucose spikes and crashes, controlling one's urge to eat.

The 5-Day RESET kit comes with 15 single-serving pouches of Nutrimeal, five Peanut Butter



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The 5-Day RESET weight-management program is now available at the Serenity Salon and Spa in Garapan.

Crunch Nutrition Bars, five Oatmeal Raisin Nutrition Bars, and five am/pm HealthPak packets.

The Nutrimeal comes in Dutch Chocolate, French Vanilla, and Wild Strawberry flavors.

Every day for five days, you will drink three Nutrimeal shakes, and only eat an Oatmeal Raisin Nutrition Bar, a Peanut Butter Crunch Nutrition Bar, a serving of fruit, and a serving of vegetables with the 5-Day RESET program.

In addition, you will also take the am/pm HealthPak and are recommended to drink 64-80

ounces of water and walk for approximately 20 to 30 minutes, which amounts to about 3,000 steps every day.

The use of the kit has varied results. Pinky, who already tried the program, highly recommends it since she was able to lose 10 lbs in five days, 18 lbs in three weeks, and 22 lbs in six weeks by using the 5-Day RESET kit.

The 5-Day RESET kit costs \$137.75 and is available at the Serenity Salon and Spa in Garapan.

For orders or more information, call 233-6688 or 233-2828.

PACIFIC REGION INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Regional finance experts to share insights

Globally renowned finance experts will be sharing their insights on the latest global economic issues at the upcoming 10th Pacific Region Investment Conference on Oct. 14 and 15 at New World Hotel Makati, Philippines, organized annually by the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies.

The Guam Board of Accountancy and the Judiciary of Guam have approved educational credits for the topics to be discussed at the upcoming conference. Investment Management Consultants Association and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, two of the world's leading professional bodies in management, will also be extending educational credits to the conference.

Topics on Asian Equity Markets Updates, Global Corporate Governance Issues, Bullion Investments, and deeper issues concerning the region's financial and management trends will be tackled for the participants. Leading this year's speakers is Bud Conrad, Casey Research's chief economist, renowned financial analyst and author of the highly acclaimed book "Profiting from the World's Economic

Crisis," who is expected to fire up this year's prestigious conference as he talks about issues behind the global financial calm and today's investment trends.

"Through this year's PRIC, we are hoping to stimulate our goal to highlight the best practices of fiduciaries and further equip finance and investment professionals in exercising prudent fiscal stewardship. We are looking forward to more dynamic discussions as APAFS, together with the world's finance experts, bring to fore the region's current financial issues and concerns," said APAFS executive director Daniel Ronald.

A day before the Conference, conference participants are also given a privilege to tour the Philippine Stock Exchange, one of the longest operating stock exchanges in Southeast Asia located at Makati City, and a meet and greet opportunity with its Executives.

To register for the 10th PRIC, log on to <http://www.brand-speakasia.com/apafs2010/index.php>. For more information about the conference and APAFS, visit www.apafs.org or email e-mail apafs.pric@brand-speakasia.com. (PR)



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Eggs from Iowa farms could come to table near you

By DAVID MERCER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Millions of eggs from the Iowa farms at the heart of a massive salmonella recall are not destined for the garbage but for a table near you.

The recalled eggs that were already shipped to grocery stores and restaurants are being dumped by the truckload. But the eggs still being laid by potentially infected chickens will be pasteurized to kill any bacteria. Then they can be sold as liquid eggs or put in other products such as mayonnaise or ice cream.

It's a common if little-known practice in the food industry—salvaging and selling products that may have been

tainted with disease.

After pasteurization, the bacteria "are all going to be dead, and if they're dead, they're not going to hurt anybody," said University of Illinois food science professor Bruce Chassy.

Officials from the two farms that have recalled more than a half-billion eggs said Wednesday there's no reason not to use the eggs while federal officials investigate the outbreak.

Wright Egg Farms and Hillandale Farms issued the recall after learning that salmonella may have sickened as many as 1,300 people.

Spokeswomen for the farms said their hens are still laying millions of eggs every day. Those eggs are being sent to facilities where their shells are

broken and the contents pasteurized—a process that involves applying high heat without cooking the eggs.

Hillandale Farms spokeswoman Julie DeYoung said the operation has 2 million birds that lay an egg about every 26 hours.

"It's close to 2 million eggs a day," she said.

Chassy said there's no reason the eggs—even from infected hens—cannot be safely sold if they are pasteurized or cooked. Doing so raises the temperature of the eggs high enough to eliminate most if not all salmonella.

Both companies said they are waiting to hear from the Food and Drug Administration before deciding what, if anything, to do with their hens.

The FDA cannot order the

farms to kill hens that may be infected with salmonella, but the farms could decide to do that on their own. Neither would discuss that possibility.

"There's no reason at this time," Wright County Egg spokeswoman Hinda Mitchell said. "We're still in the middle of testing and investigation."

Said Hillandale's DeYoung: "We certainly intend to comply with whatever suggestions they make. And until such time that investigation is complete, it would be premature to speculate on what those steps might be."

She would not say whether the hens could wind up being used for meat—common practice for egg-laying hens once they pass about 18 months of age and become less productive.

A similar process has been used to salvage other raw products tainted with bacteria. Ground beef found to contain E. coli bacteria, for instance, is sometimes diverted for use in precooked products such as frozen meatballs, said Don Schaffner, a professor and microbiologist at Rutgers University.

Tainted meat could also wind up being used in canned soup, he said.

Because the farms involved in the recall have so many hens, Schaffner said, "it would be a catastrophic waste if these hens were not going to be used in some way in the food supply."

Doug Gurian-Sherman, a senior scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists, agreed that it's fine for meat and eggs tainted with salmonella to be eaten once

they are properly cooked.

But he does not think food producers like the farms involved in the egg recall should be able to decide for themselves whether to recall products or whether to kill their birds to stop further spread of salmonella.

The FDA "needs more authority," Gurian-Sherman said. "They need mandatory recall authority so a company can't fiddle while Rome is burning. They need more inspectors. They need to be able to make changes in production processes where consumer health is threatened."

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg this week called on Congress to adopt legislation stalled since last year that would allow the FDA to order recalls and give the agency more access to company records.

iCONNECT unveils 3 new value plans

This week iCONNECT, the only telecom carrier offering both cellular and "push-to-talk" services in the region, announced three new value plans for the budget conscious user.

The plan includes the \$25 value plan offering 600 local cellular talk minutes and 400 "Push-to-talk" minutes. The \$35 value plan with 1,200 cellular local talk minutes and 800 "Push-to-talk" minutes. Also, the value \$45 plan gives the user 2,400 local cellular minutes and unlimited "Push-to-talk" minutes.

iCONNECT general manager for the region Hans Mickelson said, "The new plans are the best plans in the CNMI. These value plans represent iCONNECT's continued commitment to bringing users a whole lot of minutes under an affordable airtime plan."

Mickelson went on to say "The value plans also include

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iCONNECT's unique combination of cellular and "Push-to-talk" makes its network attractive to all types of users. Government, military, large and small companies as well as the everyday user. iCONNECT CNMI has been in business for five years with the Guam office celebrating, this year, 10 years in the region.

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Bad news on homes, goods adds to the air of recession

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's starting to feel like another recession.

Businesses are ordering fewer goods. Home sales are the slowest in decades. Jobs are scarce, and unemployment claims are rising. Perhaps most worrisome, manufacturing activity, which had been one of the economy's few bright spots, is faltering.

"The odds of a double-dip are rising and uncomfortably high," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, referring to the possibility that the nation will tip back into recession. "Nothing else can go wrong. There is no cushion left."

On Wednesday, the government offered the latest dose of grim news about the economic recovery: Companies cut back last month on their investments in equipment and machines.

And Americans bought new homes at the weakest pace in nearly half a century.

Earlier this week came news that sales of previously occupied homes fell last month to the lowest level in 15 years.

Unemployment remains near double digits because job growth in the private sector has slowed.

The economy has grown for a full year now, and many experts believe the recession technically ended in July 2009. But the pace of expansion has slowed significantly in the past six months.

Economists are predicting the government will announce Friday that the economy grew from April to June even more slowly than previously thought, at an annual rate below 2 percent—weak for normal times and especially anemic right after a recession.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Homeless man arrested after Ore. fire burns homes

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP)—Families looked for valuables, pets and mementoes Wednesday in the ashes of 11 homes destroyed by a fast-moving wildfire while a homeless man accused of starting the blaze sat in jail. John Thiry, 40, was arrested at 3 a.m. under a free-way ramp and arraigned on 10 counts of reckless endangerment and 14 counts of reckless burning, police said. “Homeless living in the interface in Ashland is a real problem and a huge concern,” said Gary Jones as he helped his daughter, Lisa Jones, look through the blackened waterlogged rubble that used to be her home. “Who wants to be homeless? But by the same token, you can’t have camping in the middle of summer out there and lighting the place on fire.”

Man held without bail in NYC cab driver stabbing

NEW YORK (AP)—A college student who did volunteer work in Afghanistan was charged Wednesday with slashing a taxi driver’s neck and face after the driver said he’s Muslim. A criminal complaint alleges Michael Enright uttered an Arabic greeting and told the driver, “Consider this a checkpoint,” before the brutal bias attack occurred Tuesday night inside the yellow cab on Manhattan’s East Side. Police say Enright was drunk at the time. A judge ordered Enright, 21, held without bail on charges of attempted murder and assault as hate crimes and possession of a weapon. The handcuffed defendant, wearing a polo shirt and cargo shorts, did not enter a plea during the brief court appearance.

NYC allows new neighbor for Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP)—The Empire State Building’s owner lost his bid to stop a new skyscraper from rising in the neighborhood when the New York City Council approved zoning and land use changes Wednesday that pave the way for the 1,190-foot tower. The project, called 15 Penn Plaza, is still in the planning stages. Developer Vornado Realty Trust has not set a date for its construction and has yet to sign a major commercial tenant. But the plans alone for a glass office tower, which would stand higher than the Empire State Building’s 86-floor observatory, infuriated the landmark’s owner, Anthony Malkin, so much that he called it an “assault on New York City and its iconography.”

As GOP civil war rages, Democrats look to benefit

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Republican civil war is raging, with righter-than-thou conservatives dominating ever more primaries in a fight for the party’s soul. And the Democrats hope to benefit.

The latest examples of conservative insurgents’ clout came Tuesday at opposite ends of the country. In Florida, political newcomer Rick Scott beat longtime congressman and state Attorney General Bill McCollum for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. And in Alaska, tea party activists and Sarah Palin pushed Sen. Lisa Murkowski to the brink of defeat, depending on absentee ballot counts in her race against outsider Joe Miller.

The GOP is likely to survive its bitter intraparty battles in such states as Alaska and Utah, even if voters oust veteran senators in both. But tea party-backed candidates might be a godsend to desperate Democrats elsewhere—in Nevada, Florida and perhaps Kentucky, where the Democrats portray GOP nominees as too extreme for their states.

If Murkowski joins Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, as a victim of party activists who demand ideological purity, other

Republicans are still likely to win in November, though Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., would have to deal with more maverick members who are loathe to compromise. And the conservative insurgency is hardly all-powerful, as Sen. John McCain proved by easily winning renomination in Arizona despite a challenge from the right by J.D. Hayworth.

The Republican Party’s chief danger lies in battleground states such as Florida and Nevada, where great opportunities might slip away. President Barack Obama and his Democrats see a silver lining amid political troubles driven by high

unemployment and a stubbornly slow economic recovery.

The White House has tried to link the Republican Party with the fledgling conservative-libertarian tea party coalition—and demonize the combination as too extreme for the country.

That’s “the Republican tea party” that’s “offering more of the past but on steroids” and is “out of step with where the American people are,” Vice President Joe Biden told the party’s rank and file last week.

Nevada Republicans’ nomination of tea party favorite Sharron Angle may save Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader. His popularity has fallen sharply among state voters, but

Democrats say Angle’s comments are scaring voters away from her and back toward him.

In Florida, the conventional wisdom was that McCollum, who had won election statewide, would be a stronger candidate than Scott against Democrat Alex Sink in the governor’s race. Democrats are certain to assail at least one aspect of Scott’s private-sector history: the \$1.7 billion that Columbia/HCA hospital corporation paid to settle Medicare fraud charges when he was chief executive officer. In the Republican primary, Scott spent \$39 million of his own money to promote his campaign and beat back such attacks.



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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 3pm on Saipan. The meeting will be held at Conference Room #2 at the Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Center for Public Health and Dialysis Center, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (May & June Board Meetings)
V. Chairperson's Report
VI. Director's Report
VII. Investigator's Report
VIII. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
A. Governor's Office
B. Legislature
IX. Old Business:
A. Draft Regulations
X. New Business:
A. H.B. 17-34
B. Request to Appeal Board's Denial of License for Mr. Moon Kyu Cho
C. Request to Appeal Board's Denial of License for Mr. Guo Long Wang
XI. Applications for Board's Review
A. New/Renewal Applications
B. Pending Applications
1. Dr. Hardy
XII. Miscellaneous Business:
A. Midwives' Regulations
B. Board Members Expired Terms
XIII. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.
A. Complaint of Mr. Brian Davis
B. Complaint Against Dental Care Clinic
XIV. Announcements
A. Next Meeting Date
XV. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Dr. Janet McCullough
Chairperson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNION BANK,
Plaintiff,

-v-

JUAN EVANGELISTA
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-1046

TWELFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Second Amended Order issued by the Court is this matter on August 2, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendant in and to the following property: Tract 22845-19 (part of original Tract 22845-REM, A.H. 3l) as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2083/84, the original of which was recorded August 2, 1984, as Document No. 84-1398 at the office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Office of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The Sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 21st day of August, 2010

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DPH-150 (A) (B)**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 08, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF 7-10 DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND ONE (1) LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DCCA-159 (1)(2)**

BID SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN (15) SETS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR YOUNG & MOBILE INFANTS (0-18 MONTHS) AND FIFTEEN (15) SETS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR TODDLERS & TWO'S (19-35 MONTHS) FOR THE DCCA - CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND”

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/S/ MELVIN L.O. FAISAO
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**KARL T. REYES, et.al.,
Defendants.**

**Civil Action
No. 08-0260-CV**

**AMENDED SECOND
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, and pursuant to a prior withdrawn bid, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcel of property. *Please note: the "Brief Description" below is solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.*

Lot No. H 175 NEW-3, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description
This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **September 10, 2010**, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

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2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.

3. Deposit/Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

World

Hong Kong seeks answers to Manila hostage deaths

HONG KONG (AP)—Business was halted in the bustling Asian financial hub of Hong Kong on Thursday in a three-minute tribute to eight residents killed in a deadly bus hijacking in the Philippines, as locals demanded answers for the tragedy. Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang and hundreds of citizens bowed their heads as both the Chinese and Hong Kong flags were raised and then lowered to half-mast in a downtown square in this former British colony now ruled by China. Residents elsewhere in the city also paused to pay their respects. The carnage that ended Monday's daylong standoff between the hijacker and police—broadcast live on TV—stunned residents in Hong Kong, a safe, affluent city that rarely sees violent crimes. Locals have expressed outrage at the Philippine government's handling of the situation, with Internet users heaping verbal abuse on President Benigno Aquino III. The Philippines has promised a full investigation.

Drug cartel suspected in massacre of 72 migrants

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A wounded migrant stumbled into a military checkpoint and led marines to a gruesome scene, what may be the biggest massacre so far in Mexico's bloody drug war: a room strewn with the bodies of 72 fellow travelers, some piled on top of each other, just 100 miles from their goal, the U.S. border. The 58 men and 14 women were killed by the Zetas gang, the migrant told investigators Wednesday. The gang, started by former Mexican army special forces soldiers, is known to extort money from migrants who pass through its territory.

Attacks in Iraq kill 56, raise fears of insurgents

BAGHDAD (AP)—Bombers and gunmen killed at least 56 Iraqis in more than two dozen attacks across the country Wednesday, mostly targeting security forces and rekindling memories of the days when insurgents ruled the streets. The attacks made August the deadliest month for Iraqi policemen and soldiers in two years, and came a day after the U.S. declared the number of U.S. troops had fallen to fewer than 50,000, their lowest level since the war began in 2003. Powerful blasts targeting security forces struck where they are supposed to be the safest, turning police stations into rubble and bringing down concrete walls erected to protect them from insurgents.

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Division of Administrative Hearing Office**

Second Floor Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING
Friday, August 20, 2010, First Notice
Friday, August 27, 2010, Second Notice

The Respondents are hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing on Remand form the Superior Court. **The Hearing of CAC No. 09-128-03 will be held on September 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.** This notice will serve as a “Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing on Remand”. For information, please call 236-0956 ext. 257.

Complainant	Respondents	Case Number	Date/Time
Department of Labor	Leticia R. Stoltenberg <i>dba</i> Janrome General Services, Maria Ester C. Del Rosario, Apolos R. Perez, Jr., Rogelio G. Balensosa, Teodoro L. Casido, Adrialen DLS Dela Cruz, Gong Yayan, Juanito R. Oria.	CAC No. 09-128-03	09/01/2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Reptile experts get stry 'gator in Chicago River

CHICAGO (AP)—The next time you feel like dipping your toes in the Chicago River—beware. A second alligator has been captured from the waterway that winds through downtown Chicago. Children, parents and dog walkers gathered this week to catch a peek of the 3-foot-long reptile in the river on the city's North Side. It was captured Tuesday. A Chicago Herpetological Society volunteer also caught a 2 1/2-foot alligator in the river earlier this month. The society wanted to catch the latest alligator quickly because

it wouldn't have been able to survive the harsh Chicago winter. City animal control experts believe both alligators are abandoned pets. Eight-year-old gator-spotter Caleb Berry said Monday he wasn't afraid of the gray-and-gold scaled alligator because it is "a baby."

Gotcha! Vacationing family's photo captures thief

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—The camera of a vacationing New Jersey family who posed for a picture in front of the Wisconsin State Capitol captured more than smiles. It also caught a thief in the act.

John Myers, of Bloomfield, N.J., set the self-timer on his camera and hustled into the frame with his wife and two children Saturday. While their backs were turned, someone grabbed their bag, which held Myers' wallet and other items. After Myers discovered the bag missing, he checked his camera. Sure enough, the image showed a man picking up the bag. Myers told the *Wisconsin State Journal* that he showed the photo to officers, who recognized the man. When officers found him, he was still carrying the bag. The suspect pleaded not guilty Tuesday to misdemeanor or theft.



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Individual Education Programs:

A Workshop for Parents



The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) on September 1, 2010 at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Parents play an important role in the development and monitoring of their child's IEP. This half day session will address:

- The purpose of the IEP;
- Information you can contribute to the IEP-The process for determining necessary services;
- Monitoring your child's educational progress; and
- Collaborating with your child's team.

The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. Carol was involved with the development of one of the first Parent Information Centers in New Hampshire in 1977. She was also a Special Education Director of 20 years. Come hear her ideas for how you can be both a strong advocate for your child and a strong partner with your child's school team.

(Limited seating. Contact Donna Flores at 237-3015 to reserve your seat)



Individual Education Programs:

A Workshop for PSS Special Education Staff



The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested special education teachers, teacher aides, related service providers, as well as principals and other PSS administrators to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) on August 30-31, 2010 at the World Resort in Susupe, Saipan from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

These two-day sessions will address:

- Access to curriculum when developing measurable IEPs;
- Issues around extended year services and one-to-one assistants;
- Monitoring students educational progress; and
- Collaboration among team members.

The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. Carol was involved with the development of one of the first Parent Information Centers in New Hampshire in 1977. She was also a Special Education Director of 20 years. Come hear her ideas for how you can best serve students within the PSS Special Education Program.

Science & Technology

Google plugs free PC-to-phone calling into e-mail

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google Inc. is adding a free e-mail feature that may persuade more people to cut the cords on their landline phones.

The service unveiled Wednesday enables U.S. users of Google's Gmail service to make calls from microphone-equipped computers to telephones virtually anywhere in the world.

All calls in the U.S. and Canada will be free through at least the end of the year. That undercuts the most popular PC-to-phone service, Skype, which charges 1.2 cents to 2.1 cents per minute for U.S. calls. It also threatens to overshadow another free PC-to-phone calling service called MagicTalk that was just introduced by VocalTec Com-

munications Ltd.

Skype, Google and many other services have been offering free computer-to-computer calling for years.

Google hopes to make money on its PC-to-phone service by charging 2 cents or more per minute for international calls. The international rates will vary widely, sometimes even within the same country. Google posted a rate chart at <https://www.google.com/voice/b/0/rates>.

People also will be able to receive calls on their PC if they obtain a free phone number from Google or already have one.

The phone numbers and technology for the new PC-calling service are being provided by Google Voice, a telecommuni-

cations hub that the company has been trying to expand. It had been an invitation-only service until two months ago when Google Voice began accepting all number requests.

Google disclosed last year that it had assigned about 1.4 million phone numbers through its Voice service, which can field calls made to a person's home, mobile or office number. Craig Walker, a Google product manager who helped develop Voice, said the service has expanded its reach since then, but he wouldn't provide specifics.

Besides planting Voice's technology into Gmail, Google also plans to promote the service by setting up red phone booths at universities and airports scat-

tered across the United States. People will be able to make free calls from the booths to U.S. and Canadian numbers and save on international calls.

Google also plans to enable people to transfer, or "port," their existing home or mobile phone to Voice to widen the service's appeal. Walker said Wednesday that flexibility will be available soon.

The PC-to-phone calling option initially is being offered only to consumers who have accounts on Google's Web-based e-mail, but the company left open the possibility that it will be expanded to the millions of businesses and government agencies that rely on Gmail as part of an applications suite that includes other programs such as word processing.

The added competition comes at an inopportune time for Skype S.A., the Luxembourg-based company that recently filed plans for an initial public offering of stock. Skype has 560 million registered users, including 8.1 million paying customers (most people use the free PC-to-PC service). After four years under the ownership of eBay Inc., Skype was sold to a group of



AP
Jason Toff, marketing manager for Google Voice, demonstrates how to make a call from a red phone booth at the Google office in San Francisco, Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

private investors last November for about \$2 billion. The company has been doing well since

the sale, earning \$13 million on revenue of \$406 million during the first half of this year.

Q&A: Music files must be compatible with music player

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: My daughter loaded all of my audio CDs and some borrowed CDs into iTunes on my PC. But my MP3 player is a SanDisk Sansa, which can't use iTunes. What can I do?—Beverly Yoder, Miami

ANSWER: You need to move the songs into a Sansa-compatible music program, such as Microsoft's Windows Media Player 12, which is pre-installed on new PCs.

But first you need to make sure the songs your daughter copied were recorded by iTunes in the MP3 file format used by the Sansa player and Windows Media Player. Highlight a song title in iTunes, right click it and

from the menu choose "get info." Under the heading called "kind," see if the song format is AAC (works only on Apple players) or MP3.


If the songs were copied as MP3 files, open Windows Media Player. Click "organize," then "manage libraries," then "music." Click the "add" button to the right of the "library locations" box. On the left, click the "my music" folder, then "iTunes," then "iTunes media," then "music." The songs are in folders named after the artist; yours will be in a folder called "unknown" because song titles are lost when copying CDs. (They can be restored later by manually renaming songs.)

Click the folder you want, then at the bottom of the screen click "include folder" to add it to


Windows Media Player. To load the songs on your Sansa player, see <http://tinyurl.com/24ot37l>.

But if the songs were copied by iTunes in the AAC format, you'll need to convert them to MP3s. In iTunes, call up your music library. Click "edit," choose "preferences," then click the "general" tab and choose "import settings." Click "import using," and on the pop-up menu choose "MP3 encoder." Click "OK" on both menus.

Now hold down the "Ctrl" key while clicking each AAC song so that it's highlighted. Then click the "advanced" heading and choose "create MP3 version." The MP3 songs will appear in iTunes and the iTunes music folder. Follow the steps above to move the MP3 songs into Windows Media Player.



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The Employee is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Enforcement Section, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Building, San Antonio, Saipan. This notice will serve as "Proof of Service for the notice to appear for investigation". For information, please contact at 236-0900 ext. 244/239.

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Patrick Fabian, Ashley Bell
Horror • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Disillusioned charlatan Reverend Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian) comes face to face with pure evil after recruiting a documentary film crew to capture the final exorcism of his career. For years Reverend Marcus has taken advantage of the faithful and desperate. Now it's time for him to finally come clean. Just as Reverend Marcus prepares to shoot the film that will set the record straight, he receives an urgent letter from a desperate farmer. The devil has taken possession of his beloved daughter Nell (Ashley Bell), and Reverend Marcus is their last hope for salvation.



Piranha

Friday	4:30	7:30	10:00	
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs	4:30	7:30		

Elisabeth Shue, Adam Scott
Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

Haute Tension and Hills Have Eyes director Alexandre Aja pays homage to the films that made him fall in love with the horror genre by helming this comedic remake of director Joe Dante's 1978 Jaws parody.



Vampires Suck

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:45	
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:45
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon through Thurs	4:15	7:15		

Matt Lanter, Chris Riggi
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Vampires Suck is a comedy about contemporary teen angst and romance movies. Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose. Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends content with their own romantic issues — all of which collide at the prom.



The Expendables

Friday	4:10	7:20	9:30	
Saturday	1:20	4:10	7:20	9:30
Sunday	1:20	4:10	7:20	
Mon through Thurs	4:10	7:20		

Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham
War • Rated R

Synopsis

Scott Pilgrim Versus The World

Friday	4:05	7:05	9:40	
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Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
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Michael Cera, Chris Evans
Adventure • Rated PG 13



Salt

Friday	4:25	7:25	9:55	
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:55
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
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Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

The Other Guys

Friday	4:20	7:10	9:35	
Saturday	1:10	4:20	7:10	9:35
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Mark Wahlberg, Will Farrell
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Life & Style

With new rules, judge sets path for Lindsay Lohan

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's judge on Wednesday laid out a path paved with therapy sessions and 12-step program meetings that could lead to the actress's recovery and an end to a three-year-old drug case.

It also would allow the starlet to return to work after spending more than a month in jail and inpatient rehab.

For the next 67 days, Lohan will be expected to attend psychotherapy, drug and alcohol counseling and random drug and alcohol testing several times a week, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox ordered during a hearing.

If the 24-year-old star succeeds, Fox said he will allow Lohan to return to unsupervised probation and to leave Los Angeles permanently if she wishes.

If she fails to show up or doesn't pass any of the drug screenings, the judge threatened her with a 30-day jail sentence for each violation.



In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan is shown in court in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she was taken into custody to serve a jail sentence for probation violation.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, said her client was eager to demonstrate that she could comply with the rigid outpatient rehab requirements laid by the judge.

"She is very serious about her sobriety," Holley told the judge. Lohan, who was released from rehab hours earlier, did not attend the hearing.

Despite the rigid schedule, Holley said Lohan will resume working. She returns to the big screen on Sept. 3 in Robert Rodriguez's film, "Machete." She said the actress would skip a screening of the film scheduled for Wednesday evening.

Lohan has also signed on to play porn star Linda Lovelace in a biopic that has not yet started filming.

Holley said she was confident Lohan would be able to juggle her rehab responsibilities—which include two psychotherapy, two behavior therapy and five 12-step sessions a week—with her personal and work life.

Leaving college brings end to son's parental subsidies

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Jason," has decided to leave college with only two semesters left in order to pursue his love of river guiding and outdoor programs. While he was in school, his father and I paid for his cell phone, health and car insurance, and his rent because we wanted his focus to be on his studies. We also paid his tuition.

Jason has a part-time job. Now that he has decided to leave school, our view is that he should find another job and assume these expenses.

My husband and I disagree about who should pay for any future education Jason wants. If he goes back to school, his tuition will be paid for, says Dad. I think we would be enabling him if he thought we were always standing by to foot the bill.

We are heartsick that Jason has made this decision, but his mind is made up. Any advice from you would be appreciated

Dear Abby

UNHAPPY MOM IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR UNHAPPY: I agree that Jason should shoulder the responsibility for his living expenses. However, do not make any hard and fast decisions about his tuition while you are still angry with him. This situation will play out. If and when Jason decides to complete his education, discuss the matter of tuition then.

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DEAR ABBY: Do you know what a speech-generating device is? A lot of people don't. It's a specialized computer that speaks for people who are unable to communicate verbally.

We're a group of campers from Camp Courage who use speech-generating devices to talk. Sometimes people are uncomfortable with our unique way of communicating. We'd like to share some ideas to help them understand:

1. Please be patient. It takes us a little bit longer to get our messages out than it does you.
 2. Feel free to ask questions. Don't pretend to understand us if you don't.
 3. Do not think we are stupid. Have you ever tried to communicate using one of these things?
 4. If it looks like we're having trouble, ask if we need help.
 5. Treat us like adults—just as you would want to be treated.
 6. If you're curious, you can look at our devices. It's OK to ask. We're not all the same.
 7. Be our friend. If you do, you'll find we have a lot of interesting things to say.
- Abby, thanks for helping us communicate our message. We hope to speak to you again!

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JOHN, NAT AND NICOLE

DEAR CAMILLE, HEATHER, JOEL, JOHN, NAT AND NICOLE: I'm pleased to help spread the word. For people who are vocally challenged, you have written an eloquent letter.

Assistive technologies have come a long way in recent years to ensure that people with disabilities are more fully able to participate in business as well as society. These advances are constantly evolving—and as they do there must also be an "evolution" on the part of the larger community toward acceptance of people who are perceived as different.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Susan Boyle to sing for the pope during UK tour

LONDON (AP)—British singing sensation Susan Boyle said Wednesday she feels humbled and honored by the opportunity to sing for Pope Benedict XVI during his tour of Britain.

The unlikely pop star who shot to global fame after she sang on the TV show "Britain's Got Talent" will perform hymns and sing with an 800-strong choir at an open-air papal Mass in Glasgow's Bellahouston Park on Sept. 16, the Roman Catholic Church said.

Boyle, 49, will also sing "I

Dreamed A Dream" from "Les Miserables." Her rendition of the song on the talent show has been viewed millions of times on the Internet.

She told Scotland's The Daily Record newspaper on Wednesday that the invitation to sing for the pope is "my greatest dream come true."

"I've always wanted to sing for His Holiness and I can't really put into words my happiness that this wish has come true at last," she told Scotland's Daily Record newspaper. "I am humbled and

honoured by this invitation and I hope I can do my best."

Benedict's four-day trip will be the first papal visit to Britain since Pope John Paul II in 1982.

His itinerary also includes an address in Parliament and the beatification of 19th-century Catholic convert Cardinal John Henry Newman.



In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan is shown in court in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she was taken into custody to serve a jail sentence for probation violation.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Judge orders university to release Palin documents

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A group that filed a lawsuit over documents related to a June appearance by Sarah Palin at California State University, Stanislaus is claiming victory in a judge's ruling. The open-government group Californians Aware says Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Roger Beauchesne decided Wednesday that the university must release Palin's contract. The group says the judge also ordered the release of any documents related to the use of university property or services during her visit. CalAware filed a lawsuit in April after the school refused to disclose documents related to Palin's appearance. The university has said negotiations with Palin were handled by its nonprofit foundation, which is not subject to the California Public Records Act.

Keith Richards, Jay-Z to give talks at NY library

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't make them whisper: Keith Richards and Jay-Z each will give talks this fall at the New York Public Library. The Rolling Stones guitarist will speak Oct. 29 at the Celeste Bartos auditorium at the library's main branch on 5th Avenue as part of the promotion for his memoir "Life." Jay-Z will discuss his memoir "Decoded" on Nov. 15. The library has hosted musicians before, including members of the Velvet Underground and David Byrne of Talking Heads. Other upcoming guests announced

Wednesday will likely attract a more bookish crowd: Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W.S. Merwin and Israeli novelist David Grossman.

New's Year Eve no-show costs singer Ne-Yo \$156,000

BALTIMORE (AP)—A Maryland judge has ordered R&B singer Ne-Yo and his booking agent to pay more than \$156,000 in damages because the performer failed to appear at a 2008 New Year's Eve concert in Washington state. Anne Arundel County Circuit Judge Philip Caroom ordered the payment Tuesday after a four-day trial in late July and early August. Promoter Kenyohn Clark sued Ne-Yo, whose real name is Shaffer Smith, and promoter Mike Esterman, who is based in Maryland. The judge ruled in of Clark, who claimed that Esterman misled him and failed to return a \$95,000 deposit. Court documents show Ne-Yo testified at trial that he knew in his "heart of hearts" that the deposit should have been returned. Jason Brino, Clark's attorney, says his client was "basically public enemy No. 1" after the botched concert and abandoned the promotion business to take a job as a military contractor. Attorneys for Ne-Yo and Esterman did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Prosecutors get results of Gibson investigation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A sheriff's official says detectives have given prosecutors the results of their investigation into domestic

violence allegations against Mel Gibson. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore says the results were turned over Wednesday for a decision on whether charges will be filed. Detectives investigated claims made against the Academy Award-winner by his former girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva. Gibson spokesman Alan Nierob declined comment in an e-mail message. Detectives also have been examining claims by Gibson that Grigorieva attempted to extort him. Whitmore says that investigation has not been completed.

Timbaland reports watch theft, later changes story

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Authorities are investigating a claim by rapper Timbaland that someone stole a \$2 million watch from his Malibu home. The Los Angeles County sheriff's office says the rapper-producer reported the theft over the weekend but there was no indication of a break-in at his home. Detective Vic Paladino says Timbaland is concerned the thief is someone he knows. Timbaland, whose real name is Timothy Mosley, told Ryan Seacrest in an interview Wednesday on KIIS-FM that something was stolen but it wasn't a watch. He did not elaborate or explain why the report he filed notes a \$2 million stolen watch. The rapper's family filed a missing persons report when he left the house Tuesday in his Cadillac Escalade. Deputies say a sheriff's helicopter located him on Pacific Coast Highway.



Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities

The Board of Directors for the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities (Council) wishes to announce an impending vacancy on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Raising funds and recruiting community partners;
- Providing input from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the NMI Council for the Humanities.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Tracy M. Guerrero, Chair, Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the NMI Council for the Humanities office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 24, 2010**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.nmihumanities.org.



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INVITATION TO BID ITB10-GOV-157

Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan MP

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Friday, August 27, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan, MP. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, amount to be determined is required for a set of the project package. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill. At the time of award, prospective bidder must obtain a U.S. Treasury Bond before a contract is executed.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project Thursday, September 09, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Saipan local time, at the project site, Industrial Drive, Puerto Rico, Saipan, MP. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Saipan local time September 13, 2010 to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, Office of the Capitol Improvement, 1st Floor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB10-GOV-157". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 04, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time October 04, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 04, 2010 and must be received close of business, October 14, 2010 (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 15, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 04, 2010.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be U.S. Treasury Listed and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is three hundred sixty five (365) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) five hundred dollars (\$500.00.), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by three hundred sixty five (365) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-10-044

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. OMB Circular A-133
2. Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
3. Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)

The following information must be included in the audit proposals:

- 1) **Title Page**
 - a) RFP Subject
 - b) Name of Firm
 - c) Local Address
 - d) Telephone Numbers
 - e) Name of Contact Persons
 - f) Submission Date
- 2) **Transmittal Letter**
 - a) A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period stipulated
 - b) State all inclusive fees for which the audit will be performed.
- 3) **Firm's Profile**
 - a) Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel professional/educational background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client listing.
 - b) The firm shall make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.

The date of contract award will be no later than September 30, 2010. Audit work shall be commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2011.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-044, Financial & Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2010" to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time, on September 14, 2010.**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Approach to Project (25 maximum points) | 3. Experience on Similar Projects (25 maximum points) |
| 2. Qualification of the Principal and Proposed Staff (25 maximum points) | 4. Time to Complete the Project (20 maximum points) |
| | 5. Cost (5 maximum points) |

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950; Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, at email address charles_warren@cucgov.net; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager at email address msablan@cucgov.net.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC..

/s/ ANTONION S. MUNA
Executive Director



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ADDENDUM NO. 1

08-26-10

ITB10-GOV-157

Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan, MP

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bids ("ITB") for the "Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan, MP Project" has been amended. The specific amendment is to extend when the project package will be available, mandatory pre-bid/site visit, when bids are due and when bids will open.

Amendment shall read:

*The project package will be available **Friday, October 01, 2010** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan, MP. There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project **Thursday, October 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m.**, Saipan local time, at the project site, Industrial Drive, Puerto Rico, Saipan, MP. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Saipan local time **October 20, 2010** to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, Office of the Capitol Improvement, 1st Floor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. Bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, **November 08, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time **November 08, 2010**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 08, 2010** and must be received close of business, **November 18, 2010** (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, **November 19, 2010**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, **November 08, 2010**.*

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays)

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Hernandez pitches Seattle to 4-2 win, split of DH



BOSTON (AP)—Felix Hernandez became the third youngest pitcher since 1952 to reach 1,000 strikeouts, pitching 7 1-3 strong innings to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 4-2 win over the Boston Red Sox and a split of their day-night doubleheader Wednesday.

Hernandez (10-10) struck out nine and allowed four hits and one walk as the Mariners snapped a four-game losing streak while ending the Red Sox winning streak at four.

Boston scored an unearned run in the third and trailed 4-1 when Tim Wakefield (3-10) left after 5 2-3 innings. Then J.D. Drew hit a solo homer in the sixth, the first earned run off Hernandez in 27 2-3 innings over four starts. The Red Sox threatened in the eighth with runners at second and third with one out.

In the opener, Josh Beckett (4-3) got his first victory in four starts as the Red Sox won 5-3.

Hernandez lowered his ERA from 2.51 to 2.47, second in the AL to Clay Buchholz of the Red Sox at 2.26. He also recorded his 1,000th strikeout, fanning David Ortiz in the sixth, at the age of 24 years, 139 days. Only Bert Blyleven (23 years, 121 days) and Dwight Gooden (23 years, 249 days) did it at a younger age.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 3

At Toronto, Vernon Wells and Aaron Hill homered as Toronto held on when Curtis Granderson flied out with the bases loaded to end Toronto's win over New York.

Down 6-2 with two outs and none on in the ninth, the Yankees rallied. Jason Frasor was pulled after a pair of walks and closer Kevin Gregg gave up an RBI single to Eduardo Nunez and hit Derek Jeter with a pitch that loaded the bases.

Gregg retired Granderson on a routine fly just short of the warning track in center field for his 29th save in 33 chances.

Toronto took two of three in the series. The Yankees remained even with Tampa Bay for the AL East lead.

Rangers 4, Twins 3

At Arlington, Texas, Vladimir Guerrero and Josh Hamilton homered in support of C.J. Wilson, who won his sixth consecutive decision for Texas, in a victory over Minnesota in a matchup of division leaders.

Guerrero had three hits, including the tiebreaking homer leading off the sixth against Brian Duensing (7-2) that came after Wilson had already thrown his last pitch.

Royals 4, Tigers 3, 12 innings

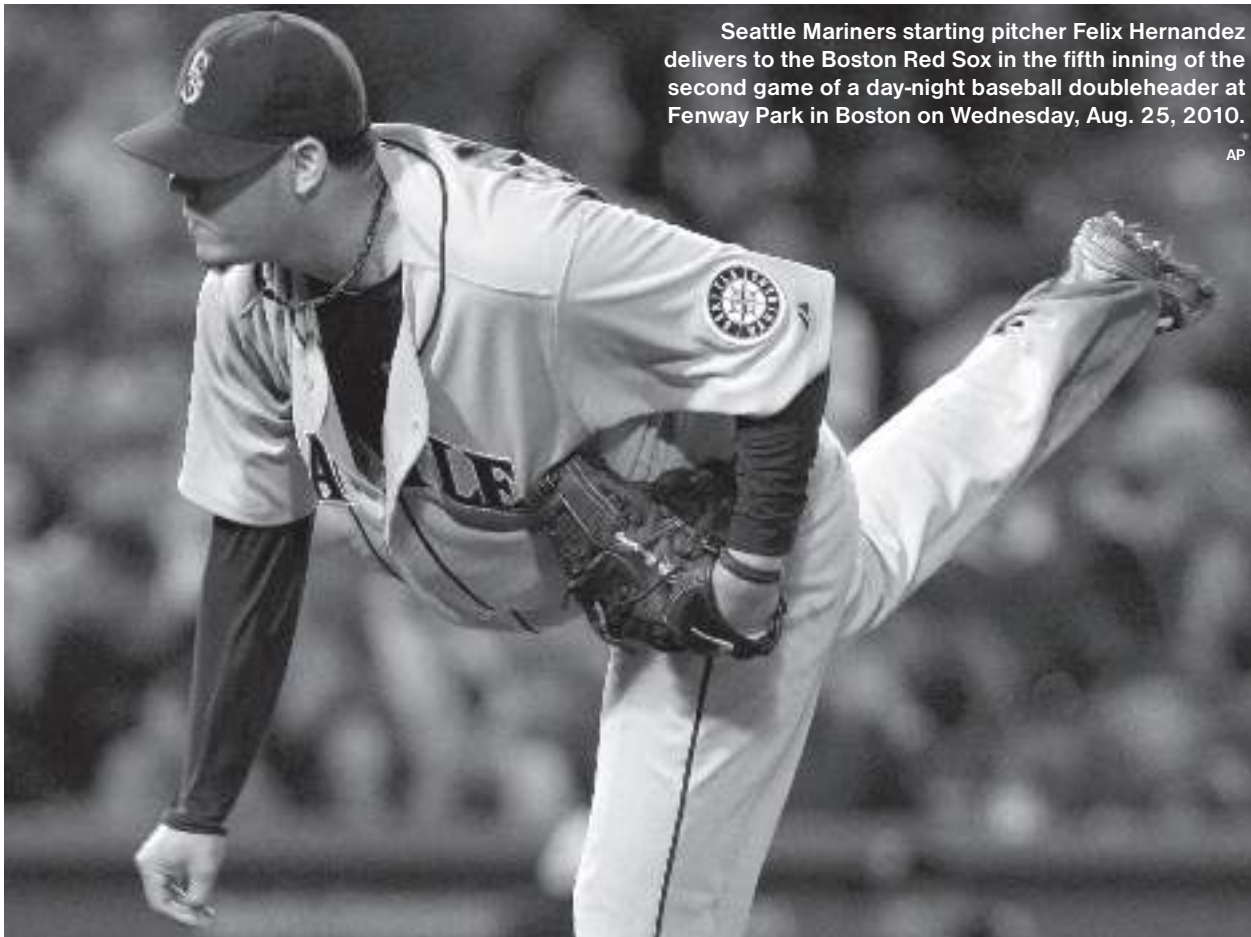
At Detroit, Willie Bloomquist's one-out home run in the 12th inning gave Kansas City a win over Detroit.

Kansas City, which also got a homer and two RBIs from Kila Ka'aihue, rallied from a 3-0 deficit to snap Detroit's five-game winning streak and avoided being swept in the three-game series.

Phillip Humber (1-0), who pitched three innings of scoreless relief, got the win for the Royals and Joakim Soria got his 36th save in 38 chances.

Angels 12, Rays 3

At Anaheim, California, Mike Napoli hit a grand slam, Hideki Matsui doubled in three runs and Howie Kendrick had



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez delivers to the Boston Red Sox in the fifth inning of the second game of a day-night baseball doubleheader at Fenway Park in Boston on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010. AP

four hits to help the Los Angeles Angels to prevent Tampa Bay from sweeping a series in Anaheim for the first time.

Tampa Bay remained tied with the Yankees atop the AL East standings with identical 78-49 records, best in the majors.

The Angels stopped a three-game slide overall and a four-game skid against the Rays at home.

Athletics 6, Indians 1

At Cleveland, Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings as Oakland handed Cleveland its fifth straight loss.

Cahill (14-5) was helped by three double plays as he improved to 5-1 with a 0.77 ERA in six starts since July 28.

Kevin Kouzmanoff lined a three-run double to cap Oakland's five-run first inning off Mitch Talbot (8-11). The former Indians third baseman broke a 4 for 42 slump (.095) with the shot off the center-field wall.

Jack Cust gave the Athletics a 1-0 lead with an RBI single grounded between first and second. After Mark Ellis walked to load the bases, Rajai Davis grounded a single between third and short to make it 2-0.

Orioles 4, White Sox 2

At Chicago, Brian Matusz pitched seven impressive innings and Brian Roberts homered as Baltimore beat Chicago.

Matt Wieters doubled and drove in two runs for the Orioles.

The White Sox lone run off Matusz came on a solo homer by Gordon Beckham in the sixth.

With two outs in the Chicago ninth, Paul Konerko singled and Carlos Quentin tripled. Koji Uehara rebounded by striking out A.J. Pierzynski for his second save of the season.

Reds 12, Giants 11, 12 innings

At San Francisco, the Cincinnati Reds blew a nine-run lead before regrouping to pull off an extraordinary 12-11 win over the San Francisco Giants in a clash of two National League playoff contenders.

The NL Central-leading Reds took a 10-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth before San Francisco stormed back with a six-run burst in the eighth to take an 11-10 lead.

A throwing error by Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval in the ninth set up Paul Janish's tying single and sent the game into extra innings.

Cincinnati's Joey Votto had four hits and four RBIs, including the tiebreaking single in the top of the 12th, which came with two outs.

Rockies 12, Braves 10

At Denver, Colorado overcame a nine-run deficit, matching the biggest rally in team history to stun Atlanta.

Down 10-1 in the third inning, the Rockies chipped away against the NL East leader before taking the lead with

four runs in the eighth.

Carlos Gonzalez hit a tying, two-run single with two outs, and Troy Tulowitzki and Todd Helton followed with RBI singles.

Colorado also came back from nine runs down to beat Florida 18-17 in 2008. The NL record for the biggest comeback is 11 runs.

Astros 3, Phillies 2

At Philadelphia, J.A. Happ pitched effectively into the seventh inning against his former team to steer Houston past Philadelphia.

Happ (4-2) allowed two runs in 6 1-3 innings, becoming the second former Phillies pitcher to beat them in this series. Brett Myers did it Monday.

The Phillies remained 2½ games behind NL East-leading Atlanta after losing three straight to the going-nowhere Astros. They've missed an opportunity to gain ground on the Braves, who've lost three in a row to Colorado.

Philadelphia starter Roy Halladay (16-9) gave up three runs in seven innings, snapping his six-game winning streak.

Marlins 5, Mets 4

At New York, Hanley Ramirez, back in the No. 3 spot, had four hits to power Florida to a tight win over New York.

Marlins pitcher Alex Sanabia (3-1) won his second consecutive start since he was recalled from the minors.

With the bases loaded in the ninth inning, Marlins closer Leo Nunez retired

Jose Reyes on a game-ending groundout.

Padres 9, Diamondbacks 3

At San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez hit a three-run homer and Miguel Tejada had a two-run shot as San Diego beat Arizona to take a season-high 6 1/2-game lead atop the NL West.

David Eckstein had three hits and three runs, and Tejada also scored three runs to help San Diego improve to an NL-best 76-49.

Arizona's Stephen Drew went 4 for 4 with two solo homers for his first career multihomer game, with his second ending the night for Padres pitcher Wade LeBlanc (8-11).

Dodgers 5, Brewers 4

At Milwaukee, Manny Ramirez doubled twice and drove in his first run since reports he's been put up for trade, rallying Los Angeles over Milwaukee.

If Ramirez was auditioning for a new club such as the Chicago White Sox, who are rumored to have interest, it certainly was a success.

The 38-year-old Ramirez also walked twice, scored a run and was thrown out at the plate in a bizarre play in the third inning.

L.A. starter Hiroki Kuroda (9-11) went seven solid innings and Octavio Dotel earned his 22nd save.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 2

In Pittsburgh, Daniel McCutchen pitched six shutout innings for his third victory as a major league starter, steering Pittsburgh past St. Louis.

Dropping their fourth consecutive series against a losing-record team, the Cardinals fell 3 1/2 games behind Cincinnati in the NL Central. St. Louis also remained a game behind wild-card leader Philadelphia.

Neil Walker tripled with the bases loaded and also drove in three runs for the Pirates, who are pace to lose more than 100 games.

Cubs 4, Nationals 0

In Washington, Starlin Castro hit a run-scoring double in the eighth inning to break a scoreless tie and Chicago went on to beat Washington.

Aramis Ramirez added a two-run homer to give the Cubs some comfort. Chicago improved to 3-0 under interim manager Mike Quade, who took over from Lou Piniella.

Cubs starter Ryan Dempster (12-8) threw seven scoreless innings, striking out eight.

Washington starter Jason Marquis (0-7) remained winless this season despite his best pitching performance of the year. He gave up one run in 7 1-3 innings.

NFL moving forward with 18-game season



ATLANTA (AP)—NFL owners are eager to increase the regular season from 16 to 18 games.

The players aren't so sure.

During a five-hour meeting at a posh hotel in downtown Atlanta, the push to add two more games to the regular season picked up steam Wednesday—at least among those who sign the checks.

"I think it's a win-win all around," said Bob Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots.

The owners also unanimously ap-

proved Stan Kroenke's proposal to purchase majority ownership of the St. Louis Rams, assuming he turns over control of two other teams he owns—the NBA's Denver Nuggets and the NHL's Colorado Avalanche—to his son.

Kroenke owns 40 percent of the downtrodden Rams and exercised his right to purchase the rest of the team from the Rosenbloom family for a reported \$750 million.

"Obviously, all of us know and respect Stan," commissioner Roger

Goodell said. "He's been a terrific owner in the NFL and we're confident he will continue to be a great owner."

Kroenke must turn over operational and financial control of the Nuggets and Avalanche to his 30-year-old son, Josh, by the end of the year. He must give up his majority stake in the teams by December 2014 to meet NFL rules against cross-ownership of franchises in other NFL cities.

But talks on the expanded season dominated most of the meeting.

Goodell pointed out that the

league already has the right to impose an 18-game schedule—and keep four preseason games for each team—under the current labor agreement with the players. But that contract expires after this season, and it's clear the expanded schedule will be a central issue in talks on a new collective bargaining agreement.

The owners would like to keep the season at 20 weeks, reducing the number of preseason games from four to two.

Interview: Woods' ex-wife went 'through hell'

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP NATIONAL WRITER



Elin Nordegren said she never had an inkling.

She said she never hit her famous husband with a golf club.

She said she's never felt so sad and devastated, and hopes she never will again.

All this and more from the woman the world has waited to hear from since that Thanksgiving night in November that shattered her marriage and the carefully crafted image of Tiger Woods.

"I've been through hell," Nordegren said in an interview with People magazine released

Wednesday, two days after she and Woods were officially divorced. "It's hard to think you have this life, and then all of a sudden—was it a lie? You're struggling because it wasn't real. But I survived. It was hard, but it didn't kill me."

She and the couple's children, 3-year-old daughter Sam and 18-month-old son Charlie, have settled a mile from her ex-husband in a rented, five-bedroom house in a gated community in Windermere, Fla.—where Woods needs her permission to get past the guard. The two are sharing custody of their children.

She credits therapy and long runs with helping her deal with the last nine

months, and she also kept a journal of her thoughts and emotions. "I haven't gone back to read what I wrote in December and January; I'm afraid to," she said.

She has not watched "one minute of golf." But she can laugh at things now, calling those "Saturday Night Live" and "South Park" parodies of her "pretty hysterical" (though totally untrue).

"She's been amazing," said Mia Parnevik, for whom Nordegren was working as a nanny when she met Woods more than a decade ago. "She has held her head high. To go through a divorce is not easy for anybody. To go through what she's gone through is

not humane."

She is not, however, without scars. In the days before the divorce was finalized, Nordegren's long, blonde hair began falling out.

"She's held her head high. She has not caved in," said Parnevik, wife of pro golfer Jesper Parnevik. "She's not said bad things about him, and that's kind of an easy game to get into."

The Swedish-born Nordegren has always guarded her privacy as fiercely as Woods, if not more so. Even in happier times she was rarely quoted. She kept to herself at golf tournaments, staying well beyond the ropes and once turning away when she noticed photographers tak-

ing her picture.

Years ago, a reporter mentioned that he had never seen her on the 18th green after Woods won a tournament.

"That's just not my personality," she said.

But the car crash outside the couple's Florida home shattered any hopes she had of a normal life for her and her children.

The world knew the tawdry details of Woods' philandering, and many wondered if Nordegren had a hand in the accident, perhaps going after him in a fit of rage when she caught him.

"This was one of the things I had the hardest time with people thinking," Nordegren said. "There was never any violence inside or outside our home. The speculation that I would have used a golf club to hit him is just truly ridiculous."

The interview with People, conducted at her home over four visits lasting a total of 19 hours, will be her only one, she said.

Nordegren approached People, and magazine spokeswoman Claudia DiRomualdo said no one was paid for the story. Nordegren would not disclose the amount of the divorce settlement but did say "money can't buy happiness or put my family back together."

Nordegren said she had never suspected Woods of cheating. She hadn't traveled as much the last few years, busy with the couple's children and her psychology classes at Rollins College.

Tiger Woods says divorce is a sad chapter in his life

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)—For the first time all summer, Tiger Woods showed up at a PGA Tour event knowing that his day would not include phone calls from a lawyer or divorce documents to approve.

He is only married to his golf now.

"This is my job," Woods said Wednesday. "This is what I do."

Even so, Woods slowly shook his head when asked if he felt relief that his divorce became official two days ago.

"I don't think that's the word," he said. "I think it's just more sadness. Because I don't think you ever go into a marriage looking to get divorced. That's the thing. That's why it is sad."

Woods still could not avoid talk about the end of his nearly six years of marriage to Elin Nordegren, brought on my numerous extramarital affairs that were exposed last Thanksgiving.

As he was teeing off in the rain during the pro-am, People magazine released an interview with his ex-wife in which she spoke openly about how her world fell apart and that she has

"I felt stupid as more things were revealed—how could I not have known anything?" Nordegren said. "The word betrayal isn't strong enough. I felt like my whole world had fallen apart. It seemed that my world as I thought it was had never existed. I felt embarrassed for having been so deceived. I felt betrayed by many people around me."

Still, Nordegren said the couple tried for months to reconcile. Woods even spent two months in therapy at a Mississippi clinic in hopes of saving the marriage. The child of divorced parents herself, Nordegren said she wanted her children to have a "core family," a happily married mother and father.

Nordegren leaned heavily on her family during the turmoil. Twin sister Josefin, a London-based attorney, was part of her legal team, and her mother, Barbro Holmberg, traveled to Florida to be with her daughter.

But even that was not without drama. Holmberg, who has very low blood pressure, collapsed and had to be taken to the hospital during a December visit after the flu swept through Nordegren's house.

In the end, Nordegren said she decided that a marriage "without trust and love" wasn't good for anyone.

"I am now going to do my very best to show them that alone and happy is better than being in a relationship where there is no trust," she said.

"been through hell."

Before he completed the first hole, his agent and spokesman were outside the rope, each talking on a cell phone.

Then, after Woods hit his approach to the green, a tabloid columnist walked out into the fairway with notepad and pen to ask him questions. She had never been to a golf tournament and was not aware that reporters are to stay by the ropes.

It took five questions on his game before Woods was asked about his divorce and his ex-wife's interview, although Woods handled both questions with the same, measured tones, not revealing much.

"I wish her the best in everything," he said. "You know, it's a sad time in our lives. And we're looking forward in our lives and how we can help our kids the best way we possibly can. And that's the most important thing."

They have two children, 3-year-old daughter Sam and 18-month-old son Charlie. The divorce allowed for "shared parenting," and Woods completed a four-hour program on family stability the day before he left for the British Open.

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Team USA routs Greece in final warmup game



ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The United States breezed to one last exhibition victory before the start of the world basketball championships, not that coach Mike Krzyzewski seemed to care.

He's just happy that his group brimming with youthful exuberance is ready to play.

"The score doesn't really matter, it was just an exhibition game," Krzyzewski said after an 87-59 blowout of defending silver medalist Greece on Wednesday. "I'm happy we had the chance to play a great team, in a great atmosphere."

Eric Gordon scored 18 points to pace the Americans, who led from start to fin-

ish against a Greece team playing for the first time since a brawl near the end of an exhibition game against Serbia turned the focus of the upcoming world championships away from the court.

The incident happened during the Acropolis tournament last week, and officials from the international basketball federation FIBA are still reviewing details. Any sanctions are expected to be announced before the worlds begin Saturday in Turkey.

The U.S. team, which is missing many of the stars that helped win Olympic gold two years ago, used superior quickness to disrupt Greece's ball movement and clog passing lanes. Greece wound up turning the ball over

24 times and was outrebounded 53-25, including 30-7 in the second half, when the game was largely decided.

The U.S. led 22-14 after the first quarter and still hung onto a 42-32 halftime lead, before sealing the victory with a 28-12 run spanning the third quarter.

The crowd, which was never to boisterous to begin with, was mostly silenced, and even the Greek basketball online sites blogged less about the game and more about Khloe Kardashian, who is married to Lamar Odom and attended the game.

Greece figured to have a major size advantage, especially considering the U.S. team doesn't have a true center on its roster, but even that was negated

when 6-foot-11 Yannis Bouroussis and 6-10 Sofoklis Schortsanitis sat out the game with injuries. Schortsanitis hurt his foot during warm-ups and was sent for an MRI exam.

The smaller Americans took advantage, even with Tyson Chandler in foul trouble. Kevin Love played well in the second half and finished with eight points and a team-high 13 rebounds.

In addition to Gordon, Love and Odom, the final 12-man roster for the U.S. includes: Kevin Durant, Derrick Rose, Rudy Gay, Chauncey Billups, Danny Granger, Russell Westbrook, Stephen Curry and Andre Iguodala. Celtics guard Rajon Rondo pre-empted Krzyzewski's decision about the final

roster cut Tuesday by taking himself out of contention citing family reasons.

Krzyzewski denied there was any friction with Rondo.

"We respect his decision and we appreciate his total commitment to the team. Rajon is a classy person," Krzyzewski said. "He is still in the pool of players we will consider for the (2012) London Olympics."

The world championships run through Sept. 12, and the U.S. has been placed in Group B along Brazil, Croatia, Iran, Slovenia and Tunisia as it pursues its first title since 1994.

Greece is joined by Group C by China, the Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, Russia and Turkey.

NBA BRIEFS

Bulls to unveil Pippen statue at United Center

CHICAGO (AP)—Just like Mike, Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen will get a statue at the United Center in Chicago. The Chicago Bulls plan to unveil a bronze statue of Pippen, a seven-time All-Star who along with Michael Jordan led them to six championships in the 1990s, at some point next season. The announcement on Wednesday comes less than two weeks after Pippen's induction into the Hall of Fame. He calls it "an unbelievable honor." The bronze statue will be sculpted by Omri and Julie Rotblatt-Amrany of Highland Park, Ill., who also crafted the famous Jordan statue erected outside the United Center in 1994. Pippen's will be displayed inside the arena. Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf says there's "no better way" to pay

tribute to Pippen.

Report: Ujiri to get Nuggets GM job

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Post is reporting former Denver Nuggets international scout Masai Ujiri has been chosen as the team's new general manager. The newspaper reported on its website Wednesday night that the 39-year-old Ujiri, who was the Toronto Raptors' assistant general manager since 2008, will return to the Nuggets, where he served as a scout from 2003-07. The Nuggets declined comment on the report and Ujiri didn't return a message left by The Associated Press. Ujiri emerged as a front-runner for the job after the Nuggets couldn't reach an agreement with David Griffin, the former Phoenix Suns executive. The

Nuggets have been without a front office leader since the contracts of Mark Warkentien and Rex Chapman expired earlier this month.

Anthony, Howard to star in NBA/Shanghai film

NEW YORK (AP)—Denver's Carmelo Anthony and Orlando's Dwight Howard will star in a basketball film with an award-winning Chinese director titled "Amazing." The NBA and Shanghai Film Group announced the joint production effort on Tuesday, calling it "the first NBA-themed motion picture outside of North America." The filming will take place in New York, Beijing and Shanghai through November and feature top actors from Asia. The movie is scheduled to open next summer. "Amazing" is directed by Hu Xuehua, a

winner of the Kennedy Center Honors. The NBA will play its fifth set of pre-season games in China when the Houston Rockets and New Jersey Nets play in Beijing and Guangzhou in October.

New Suns GM Blanks takes charge, cites experience

PHOENIX (AP)—Lance Blanks is back from Africa and on the job as new general manager of the Phoenix Suns, saying he will try to employ what he learned in a decade of front office jobs with the San Antonio Spurs and Cleveland Cavaliers. Blanks was in Senegal as part of the Basketball Without Borders organization when Suns president Lon Babby chose him to oversee the team's player personnel operation. He started work in Phoenix this week and was introduced at a news con-

ference on Wednesday. Blanks said he's "incredibly honored" to take a top job with an already successful franchise and "try to take it to higher ground." That would be an NBA championship, something that has eluded the Suns throughout their history. Last season, coach Alvin Gentry led Phoenix to a surprising run to the Western Conference finals, where the Suns lost to the eventual NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers. "It's pretty obvious that there's a great infrastructure in place to have success," Blanks said, "so part of my job will be staying out of the way and not messing this thing up." The immediate job is a bit more challenging than that. The Suns have made a series of significant personnel changes following the departure of All-Star Amare Stoudemire, who opted out of the last year of his contract to sign with the New York Knicks.

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All set for QQ Car Rental Cup opening Saturday

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The opening ceremony for the first ever QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup 2010 will be held this Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The festivities start at 5pm and QQ Car Rental is inviting the whole community to watch and support this new basketball league.

Regular season games will take place at the Garapan Basketball Court every Wednesday and Friday, starting at 6pm.

In preparation for the upcoming season, Master Basketball Federation of the NMI president Ray Lizama headed a basketball clinic last Saturday at the Ada Gym followed by a team coaches meeting headed by veteran referee Arnold Mesa, QQ commissioner Marlon Sison, and BANMI

president Elias Ragamar. In addition, several coaches, players, and officials met for an official rules meeting last Wednesday at the Hard Rock Café where all participating team rosters were finalized. “As part of our advocacy

to educate, train and develop basketball players and coaches to a higher level of playing indoor/outdoor basketball in the CNMI, we hope to one day operate like an authentic professional league and are happy to note that all basketball or-

ganizations are supporting us to make this league a success such as the UBA, BANMI, and the Master Basketball Federation,” said QQCR league commissioner Rey Perez. Perez added that the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup

2010 will be adopting FIBA rules and the league intends strict implementation of their ground rules relayed in last Wednesday’s official meeting. Teams participating in the league are Ferrera Builders, Docomo Pacific, Pacific Gro-

cers, Symar Pilot, Westerners, Atalig Associates, Wings Travel, Cellular Pro, Buraot, and IT&E. QQ Car Rental would also like to thank Pacific Trading Co.-Pepsi, and Sablan Hardware for sponsoring the league.

Pre-‘Hell’ race set for Oct. 17



Riders warming up for the 2010 Hell of Marianas Century Cycling Race are encouraged to join a 50-kilometer race on Oct. 17.

Entrance fee is only \$10 per person and great prizes from race organizer Pacific Islands Club await top finishers in the pre-HOM event. Check-in time is at 5:30am, while the race will begin at 6am. The event will have two competitions—road and mountain bike.

The 50-km course will have riders starting and finishing the

race at the southern parking lot of PIC. From the starting line, bikers will head south to the airport road and Tun Herman Pan Road before turning right at Isa Drive. From Isa Drive, they will go to Chalan Talafofo to the Kingfisher Golf Links and back to Isa Drive. Riders will then race down Capital Hill and turn right to Chalan Pale Arnold to make a U-turn at Away Resort Club. From Aqua Resort, bikers will head back to PIC, turn right at the American Memorial Park tennis courts, and then cruise along Beach Road.

The course is the same one used in last year’s pre-HOM

race Nate Hawley won. Hawley timed in at one hour, 39 minutes, and 18.53 seconds in the 50-km race to top the men’s road race division. Completing the Top 5 were Ariel Garcia (1:39:19), PIC general manager Kieran Daly (1:39:19.62), Butch Sublemente (1:39:19.90), and Lewie Tenorio (1:47:43).

In the women’s division, Mieko Carey (1:39:22) defeated Kimiko Hasegawa (1:59:27) and Heather Kennedy (2:02:17).

In the mountain bike category, Gary Bandoja finished first with a time 1:47:14, followed

by Anthony Aguilar ((1:47:16) and Mario Galang (1:52:22).

After the 50-km event, CNMI riders have about two months to prepare for the 100-km race Hell of Marianas, which is set for Dec. 4.

The Commonwealth’s riders will be pitted against bikers

from Russia, Japan, and Korea in the biggest cycling race in the CNMI this year.

For more information about the 50-km race and the Hell of Marianas, contact PIC at 237-5148 or e-mail at seaexec@picsaipan.com or dosm@picsaipan.com. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

YVONNE

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she is only behind seven runners, who are from Fiji and PNG. Wisil is still the record holder in the 200m event with her 23.77 seconds.

In the 400m race, Bennett submitted 61.30 seconds, which is the second fastest in Micronesia, as the Marshall Islands’ Haley

Nemra holds the record in the region at 60.00 seconds. Wisil owns the 400m run record in the Pacific Islands ranking at 53.19 seconds.

Also gracing the Pacific Islands’ record books and making it to the Top 10 in the women’s division are Jacque Wonenberg, Lia Rangamar, and Mamiko Oshima-Berger, who also delivered medals for the CNMI in the Micro Games.

In the 5,000m run, Oshima-

Berger’s gold-medal winning time of 21:11.62 was the eighth best in Micronesia. Oshima-Berger won the gold against Guam’s Nicole Layson (21:17.82/10th best) and Nemra (21:32.75/11th). Guam’s Sloane Seigrist-Palmore holds the record in the 5,000 at 18:39.33.

In the half marathon, Oshima-Berger’s 3:16:14 is the second best behind Tahiti’s Sophie Gardon (3:01:15).

In the 100m hurdles, Wonenberg’s 18.23 seconds was the eighth best. She is ranked better in the 400m hurdles, placing fourth after clocking 73.68 seconds. Tahiti’s Oceanea LeFranc holds the first and second fastest times in the event with her 68.33 and 71.06 seconds, while Tonga’s Ki-ana Mu’amoholeva (71.25) owns the third best mark. Rangamar is in fifth with her silver-medal winning time of 74.28 seconds.

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Oceania Plate was Rafael Jones, who ruled the seniors boys division. His younger brother, Angelo, was third in the same division, while Dela Cruz was a runner-up in the junior category.

“Our junior players did a great job in Fiji. The North team’s victory was a stunning success. We couldn’t be more prouder with our players performance in Fiji,” Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association

president and CNMI national coach Jeff Race said.

Race was not able to join the Commonwealth bets to Fiji, as he too had to leave Saipan to represent the CNMI to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

Race teamed up with Todd Montgomery, Peter Loyola, Bobby Cruz, Lydia Tan, Kana Aikawa, Mayuko Arriola, and Jodel Fernandez in the CNMI’s successful title defense in Palau. The eight-player team went home with four gold medals, four silver, and four bronze.

“The weather in Palau was

tough on us, but we still managed to defend our title and that meant a lot to us,” Race said.

“I was thrilled with the result, the sweep in the men’s singles and Kana and Mayuko’s incredible comebacks in the singles and team events, especially saving eight match points in the third set tiebreaker to win the women’s doubles. Lydia and Jodel played their best tennis ever. Peter, despite being unseeded in singles, won the silver. Young Bobby Cruz thrashed Guam’s Bill Camacho. There were a couple of matches

that I felt we might have won, but that’s sports,” Race added.

Race said the CNMI’s success in the off-island tournaments this summer reflects the kind of program the Commonwealth has. He hopes more players will be developed and stepped up in the coming years to continue the CNMI’s impressive showings in regional tournaments.

“Other island-nations will be doing their best to catch up with us, so we really have to keep training hard and playing great tennis to keep our top ranking,” Race said.

ANALYZE

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From almost every angle, a glance of the final results at these 7th Micro Games show that sports is alive and well on Saipan, which like it or not, is synonymous with the CNMI when it comes to events such as these since Rota and Tinian are hardly represented. That’s a whole different game to analyze.

When it comes to tallying medals, the Micronesian Games like the Olympics is skewed. For example, it takes 22 baseball players eight days to win one medal, while one swimmer can win 12 medals in two days. I never understood why team

sports get the short end when it comes to adding medals. After all, each member of a winning baseball team takes home a real medal. Why not count them in the overall total count? Oh well, that’s the way the Olympics does it and so that is the way we do it too.

Nonetheless, people look at the overall medal count in order to make conclusions.

Let’s look at each of the sports that the CNMI participated in and see where we stand.

Most of the CNMI medal haul came in athletics and swimming which is why we finished ahead of Guam and every other district except Palau.

For the past 20 years, CNMI swimming has overachieved thanks to good coaching and

dedicated students. It’s simple: the best sports development program in Micronesia produced the most medals in the Micro Games history. Is there another Xenavee Pangelinan or David Palacios in a Saipan elementary or middle school now with parents willing and able to drive to Marpi several times a week? That’s what is needed to win medals in Pohnpei in 2014.

Athletics is a little easier in terms of logistics. The centrally located Oleai track and field allows teenagers easy access after school. Add the excellent coaching of Elias Rangamar, and it’s easy to see the CNMI winning more medals in track and field than might be expected due to our small population. What happens is that the kids

end up pushing each other. The result is overachievement, or a better chance of realizing full potential. Yvonne Bennett, the fastest women in Micronesia, is a perfect example.

As long as Jeff Race continues to coach tennis on Saipan, the CNMI will surpass other parts of Micronesia. Each year his program produces the top junior players in Micronesia. Race is a former CNMI Coach of the Year selected by the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association. So is Elias Rangamar. It’s no coincidence that their two programs produced more than their fair share of the gold medals won in Palau.

Next week we will look at other sports in the CNMI and their prospects for the future.

ARMAGEDDON

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are slated for the evening at the Saipan World Resort’s cavernous Royal Taga Hall.

Serving as an appetizer to the Manglona-Cruz fight is the bout pitting Trench Tech’s Giovanni “Palaxi” Sablan against Guam’s Alex “Most Hated” Castro from Guahan Top Team in the 155-lb lightweight division.

Sablan is coming off a loss in Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible and will be looking to bounce back and improve his win-loss record to 16-5.

Marianas Elite’s Leeroy Sablan (4-3) is also set to take on fellow 155-pounder Nate “The Terrible” Flores (4-1) from Predator Combat Team in the other semi main event bout.

The rest of the fight card scheduled in Armageddon are the following:

■ Predator Combat Team’s Edwin “Sticks” Castro vs. Marianas Elite’s Lionel “The Hellion” Borja in a 190-lb light heavyweight brawl;

■ Team Haga’s Niel “Lion Heart” Taisacan vs. Swain “The Pain” Cangco in a 195-lb light

heavyweight bout;

■ Team XXXTREME’s “Kill” Bill Saures vs. Predator Combat Team’s Martin “Ning” Cepeda in a 195-lb light heavyweight bout;

■ “Bad” Brad Palacios vs. Marianas Elite’s Derrick “Pinchy” Rangamar in a 145-lb featherweight match;

■ Saipan’s Sonny Pua of Team Zalaka vs. Scott Santos of Tinian in a 155-lb lightweight match;

■ Saipan’s Jess Santos from Predator Combat Team vs. Manny “The Doctor” Cepeda of Tinian in a 145-lb featherweight bout; and

■ Saipan’s Frank Demapan from Predator Combat Team vs. Peter Taitano of Tinian in a 130-lb bantamweight match.

Tickets for Armageddon cost \$45 for VIP and \$35 for general admission and are on sale right now at Borderline and The Set. Doors open at 6pm.

Bud Light, IT&E, Power 99, Boarder-line, The Set, Konflikt MMA Clothing, OTM Fight Shop, Hertz, Aquarius Beach Tower, and Sketchers sponsor the event.

For more information, contact GWMMA co-promoter Jeff Boyer at gorillawarfaremma@gmail.com.

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Toronto	66	60	.524	11 1/2
Baltimore	45	82	.354	33
Central Division				
Minnesota	72	55	.567	—
Chicago	68	58	.540	3 1/2
Detroit	63	64	.496	9
Kansas City	54	73	.425	18
Cleveland	50	76	.397	21 1/2
West Division				
Texas	72	54	.571	—
Oakland	63	62	.504	8 1/2
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Seattle	50	77	.394	22 1/2
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East Division				
Atlanta	73	54	.575	—
Philadelphia	70	56	.556	2 1/2
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New York	63	63	.500	9 1/2
Washington	53	74	.417	20
Central Division				
Cincinnati	73	54	.575	—
St. Louis	68	56	.548	3 1/2
Milwaukee	59	67	.468	13 1/2
Houston	57	69	.452	15 1/2
Chicago	54	74	.422	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	43	84	.339	30
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San Diego	76	49	.608	—
San Francisco	71	57	.555	6 1/2
Colorado	66	60	.524	10 1/2
Los Angeles	65	62	.512	12
Arizona	49	78	.386	28
Yesterday's Games				
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Cincinnati 12, San Francisco 11, 12 innings				
Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 0				
Houston 3, Philadelphia 2				
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2				
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 4				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 4				
San Diego 9, Arizona 3				
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Budweiser caging playoffs to start Monday

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The double-elimination playoff round in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League will begin on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The first playoff match will have the third-seeded Beck's Sivsevenoh challenging the O'Doul's Running Rebels in the curtain-raiser at 6:30pm, while the fourth-ranked Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 will duel the fifth-placed Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces in the second game at 8pm.

From the original format of having all nine teams advancing to the playoffs with the pennant champion gaining a bye in the first round, the league switched to a six-team, double-elimination format.

Becks Sixsevenoh's Ed Diaz goes up for a shot against two Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces during their game in the regular season of the Budweiser caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Becks will duel O'Douls' Runnin' Rebels at the start of the playoffs on Monday, while the Ol'Aces will take on Bacardi Hi-5.

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Japan Ekiden relay races to conclude in Ko'ko' Road Race

Adidas Japan will launch a series of Ekiden relay races in Japan with the championship race to be held at the 2010 Guam Ko'ko' Road Race.

The footwear and apparel company was introduced recently by the Guam Visitors Bureau as the title sponsor of 2010 Guam Ko'ko' Road Race set for Oct. 17 at the U.S. territory.

Brand/Running/Tennis marketing and sport Performance Japan Group manager Kentaro Kawai said Team Adidas "Be Faster" Ekiden relay team will participate in the Oct. 17 event.

The team consists of Adidas Sports Muse Japanese model Shiho, Adidas Running Republic founding member Kei Shimizu, World Athletic Championship marathon silver medalist Ari Ichihashi, and Adidas Running advisor Taro Agui.

"This is an exciting announcement for us, not only because the Guam Ko'ko' Road Race is a signature event with a lot of support from Japan, but also because it marks the first partnership between GVB and Adidas Japan," said GVB deputy general manager Ernie A. Galito.

"With this sponsorship and participation from Japanese celebrities, we believe this year's event will be bigger and more exciting than ever," he added.

GVB also introduced the 2010 Guam Ko'ko' Road Race major sponsors including Continental Airlines, Pacific Islands Club, Gatorade, KUAM AM-FM-TV, *Pacific Daily News*, and Citibank. Continental Airlines is the official airlines for the event and the official hotel is Pacific Islands Club.

GVB also announced that Gatorade will award \$5,000 total prize money to the top finishers in both events. The first, second, and third finishers overall for both the male and female divisions in the half marathon event, will be awarded \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, respectively. The first place team overall in the Ekiden relay event will be

awarded \$1,000.

In 2009, more than 1,000 runners participated in the event, over 400 of which were from Japan. Projections indicate more than 1,000 runners from Japan will compete in the 2010 event.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the race, which is a half marathon solo and Ekiden Relay (four-person team) Road Race. The race starts and ends at Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial (Ypao Beach) Park. The race course showcases the villages of Tumon, Tamuning, Asan, and the capital city of Hagåtña.

Additionally, there will be cheering groups along the race course from the community as well as cultural dancers from the Guam Micronesia Island Fair. The International Association of Athletics Federation certified the race course as officially 13.1 miles long. Touted as one of Guam's signature sports tourism events, the Guam Ko'ko' Road race attracts visitors to Guam as well as create public awareness of Guam's indigenous Guam Rail, also known as the Ko'ko' bird.

Efforts are also afoot in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture

and Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources' awareness campaign on the plight of the flightless bird and help preserve this endangered species. "Che'lu" is the official mascot for the Guam Rail and interacts with the community of Guam and visitors endearing them to Guam's territorial bird.

The GVB developed a unique website for the Guam Ko'ko' Road Race to attract runners from around the globe at www.guamkokoroadrace.com. It also has capabilities for runners to register online. Registration is now open and early registration discounts are available. The registration fee for teams that participate in the school division for the Ekiden relay has been set at \$20 to encourage as many students as possible to participate. Supporting sponsors include Hornet Sports, Guam Police Department-Highway Patrol Division, Guam Fire Department, Guam Department of Agriculture-Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Guam Army National Guard, and the Guam Air National Guard, as well as support from the Mayors Offices of Tamuning-Tumon, Hagatna and Asan-Maina. (GVP)



Organizers behind the 2010 Guam Ko'ko' Road Race pose with Adidas Japan officials and mascot "Che'lu" during the media conference introducing the latter as the title sponsor of the Oct. 17 event.

The CNMI Nationals, who swept the single-round robin elimination, are seeded first in the playoffs and will not see action until Wednesday against the winner of the Becks-O'Doul's tiff.

Hoegaarden IT&E, which finished second in the regular season with its 7-1 record, absorbing its lone loss at the hands of the CNMI Nationals, also drew a bye in the first round and will meet the victor of the Bacardi-Bud Light Lime game on Sept. 1 at 8pm.

The playoff games will continue until Sept. 10, while Game 1 of the championship tiff is set for Sept. 13. Game 2 in the finals, if necessary, is scheduled for Sept. 15.

Three teams missed the playoff round despite a better record than the last-placed O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels, who finished the elimination round with a 1-7 slate. The Bud Ice Rollers, Michelob Sixers, and Budweiser Saints held identical 2-6 records and could

have slugged it out for the sixth and last playoff berth. However, the three squads lost their chances to advance to the playoffs due to technicalities.

Rotary reminders

Meanwhile, organizers of the Rotary youth caging are reminding interested teams about the deadline for submission of the league requirements.

Squads have until Sept. 6 to confirm their participation in the league. Registration, and waiver forms, birth certificates and the \$100 entrance fee are also due on Sept. 6. Registrations fees should be made payable to Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands.

This year's youth caging is open for U15 and U19 teams.

For more information about the Rotary and Budweiser leagues, contact Elias Rangamar at eli_rang@yahoo.com.

Lady Gagas, Yakau, Mama's Snipers, and Strikers top foes

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Gaia Bar's Lady Gagas, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Yakau, and D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Mama's Snipers and sister team Strikers scored wins against separate opponents in last Monday's Saipan Electronic Dart Association's Ladies Division matchups.

The Strikers are starting to pull away in first place with a win-loss record of 48-12. Yakau is positioned comfortably in second at 42-18 losses, while the Mama's Snipers (35-25) and Lady Gagas (33-27) are battling it out for the third spot in the standings.

Lady Gagas 9, Pink Panthers 6

Yvonne Pangelinan, Yvonne Camacho, and Yvonne Sablan of the visiting Lady Gagas took three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to give their team an early lead on the road against Pink Panthers at Buddies Bar & Grill.

Pink Panthers, however, came back and tied it after winning both Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket matches. Then both teams won a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out, but Lady Gagas' Yvonne Camacho, Jennifer Rosario, Pangelinan, and April S. Camacho swept all four Singles Regular Cricket games for the automatic win. Then Lady Gagas won the first game of Partners Baseball, but the Pink Panthers won the second match and the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out game.

Yakau 10, Kmal Sechelim 5

Mary-Lois Baluk, Frances Magofna, and Ressie Takeda of visiting Yakau won three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to put their team ahead early against Kmal Sechlim at the USS Peleliu Club. Then Yakau won both games of Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket to keep the ball rolling. Both teams split a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out, but then Yakau's Mogofna and Takeda won

their Singles Regular Cricket matches to seal the victory. Yakau went on to win both Partners Baseball matches before Kmal Sechlim took the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out game.

Mama's Snipers 11, Megatouch 4

Matrina Lisua, Cecilia Blas, Aida Laniyo, and Elsie P. Cabrera swept all four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to shoot comfortably ahead against Megatouch at Sandee's Bar & Grill. Then both teams split a game of Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket and a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out, but Laniyo and Lisua of Mama's Snipers won the first two Singles Regular Cricket for the automatic victory. Megatouch won the last two cricket matches, but Mama's Snipers took both Partners Baseball games and the final Team 1001 Team Double In/Double Out match.

Strikers 11, Tipiyeew 4

As a result of visiting Tipiyeew playing a team member short, they lost two of the single player games listed on the score sheet by forfeit; in addition to having to play a member short in three partners games and in the last team match against Strikers.

Rufina Guevarra and Jenny Cabrera of the home team Strikers won their Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games and their team took an extra win by forfeit.

Then the Strikers' Guevarra and Bhek Dizon won their Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket match and their team won the second game with the extra player advantage.

The same result happened in the Partners 501 Double In/Double Out games. The Strikers clinched it early after Guevarra won her Singles Regular Cricket match and her teammate Emily Vargas added a bonus win. Then Tipiyeew's Rita Fitial single-handedly won a Partners Baseball match against Vargas and Cabrera, but the Strikers pocketed the other match. Finally, with three extra darts per turn, the Strikers easily won the last Team 1001 Double In/Double Out game.



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Seattle to 4-2 win,
split of DH

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Yvonne's records are now official

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The records Yvonne Bennett made in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau are now officially listed under the Pacific Islands rankings of the Oceania Athletics Association website.

Bennett timed in at 12.68 seconds in the finals of the 100m run at the Palau National Track and Field in Koror on Aug. 4 to win the gold medal in that event. Bennett's time is the new CNMI National record and the best mark so far in Micronesia, earning the 20-year-old runner the fastest woman tag in the region.

In the Pacific Islands rankings, Bennett's record is the 31st best, but only seven runners across the region are ahead of her. Papua New Guinea's Toea Wisil holds Pacific's best mark in the 100m with her 11.57 seconds. Three other PNG runners and also three from Fiji were ranked ahead of Bennett.

In the 200m run, Bennett also holds the records both in the CNMI and Micronesia after she clocked in at 26.41 seconds in the Micro Games and claimed the gold medal early this month. Bennett's mark in the 200m race is 22nd best on the list and again

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Yvonne Bennett, seen here leading twin sister Yvette, made records in the 100m, 200m, and 400m runs in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau and all these are now officially listed in the Pacific Islands rankings book.

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'Armageddon' weigh-in set tonight

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Gorilla Warfare Mixed Martial Arts' inaugural offering of the year, "Armageddon," will have its weigh-in and rules orientation at 6pm

tonight at Hard Rock Café.

Armageddon is Gorilla Warfare's fifth MMA promotion overall and will feature its very own middleweight champion Keli "Rukiz" Manglona taking on Guahan Top Team's Cody Cruz of Guam in the main event.

Two other semi main event bouts

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Keli "Rukiz" Manglona is shown here posing with a montage of his recent awards including the Gorilla Warfare MMA middleweight belt, his new Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Blue Belt, medals from various grappling competitions such as the North American Grapplers Association, Grappler X, Grappler's Quest, Best of the West, a trophy for winning the Las Vegas Submission Grappling challenge, and a plaque cased with an American flag for winning the Armed Forces Combative Tournament in Joint Base, Balad in Iraq.

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Fruitful summer for CNMI netters

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The CNMI's junior and senior tennis players went to separate off-island tournaments this summer and came home victorious, validating the Commonwealth's claim of having one of the strong tennis programs in the region.

The Commonwealth junior netters were the first ones to leave Saipan to travel to Fiji and compete in three tournaments. The CNMI team was composed of Thea Minor, brothers Rafael and Angelo Jones, Chris Cajigan, Carl Dela Cruz, Mikayla Lopez, Melody Johnson, Christia Miller, Negahr Rastguiy, and Jake Lee.

The CNMI betes represented the North Pacific Team in Fiji and helped the squad take the overall championship in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships for the first time, ending the West team's reign.

The overall champion in the

three-team (West, East, and North) competition was decided based on the points accumulated by each squad. Points were given based on how players from each squad finished in the U12, U14, and U18 age group competitions.

In the POJC, the CNMI-led North Team collected 131 total points, to end the West Team's nine-year domination in Fiji. The West Team gained 128 points, while the East Team notched 77 markers.

The Commonwealth had three players making it to the Final Four of their respective age group competition with Rastguiy and Cajigan advancing to the semifinals of the U12 division and Miller gaining a semis seat in the U14. All three finished third at the end of the playoffs.

Rastguiy and four others also joined the Oceania Plate tournament in Fiji with the 10-year-old netter placing fourth in her age group.

The CNMI's best finisher in the

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Chris Cajigan, seen here competing in the North Pacific Qualifying Tournament in June at the Pacific Islands Club, finished third in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last month.

Analyze this

The Micronesian Games allows the CNMI to step back and objectively evaluate each of its sports programs.

The CNMI finished second to Palau in both number of gold medals and overall medals won. As host Palau was also able to enter twice as many athletes competing as did the CNMI so that is not surprising. Add the fact that Palau takes its sports quite seriously.

Guam also entered more athletes than the CNMI yet did not win

as many medals. That was surprising.

Consider this: when Saipan hosted the Micronesian Games in 1990, Guam won the most medals, Palau was second and the CNMI third.

For the record, when Saipan hosted the Games four years ago, Guam took the most golds, while the CNMI had most overall medals. Palau finished third in both.

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